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-THE BOY WONDER-

THE JOKER RETURNS!

YES, ONCE AGAIN THAT ARCH PRANKSTER, THE CLOWN PRINCE OF CRIME, RETURNS. MOCKINGLY, DEFIANTLY, HE LEAVES BRAZEN CLUES TO HIS THEFTS IN ADVANCE, DARING THE RESOURCEFUL **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** TO OUTWIT HIM IN A GAME OF WITS! AND WHEN **BATMAN** ACCEPTS THE CHALLENGE, THE WORLD WATCHES AND WAITS TO SEE WHO WILL BE THE VICTOR, WHEN...

The JOKER ANNOUNCES DANGER



YOU'RE TOO LATE, **BATMAN**! I'LL MAKE MY ESCAPE AS ALWAYS! HA, HA! HA, HA!

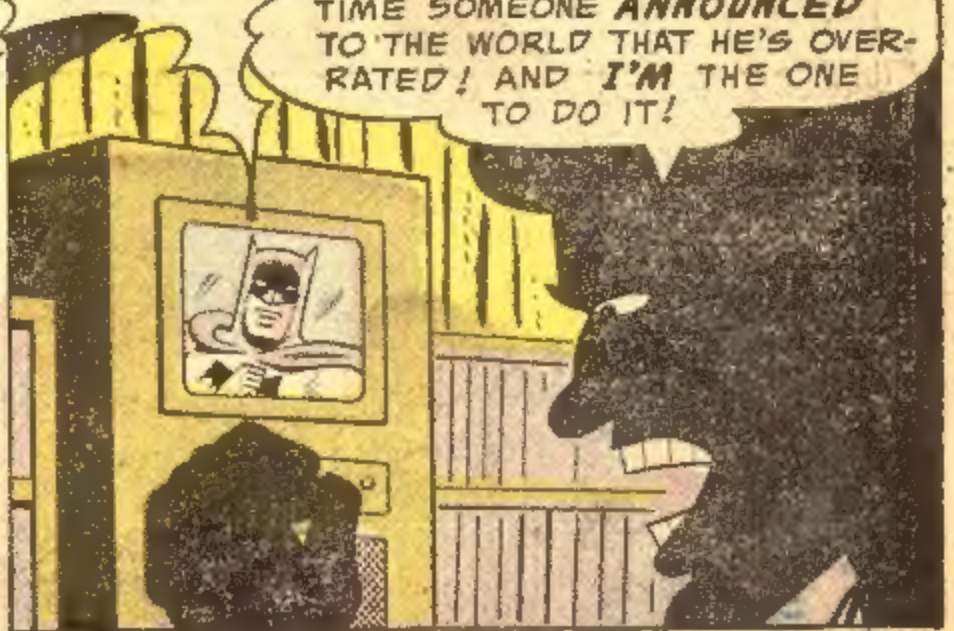
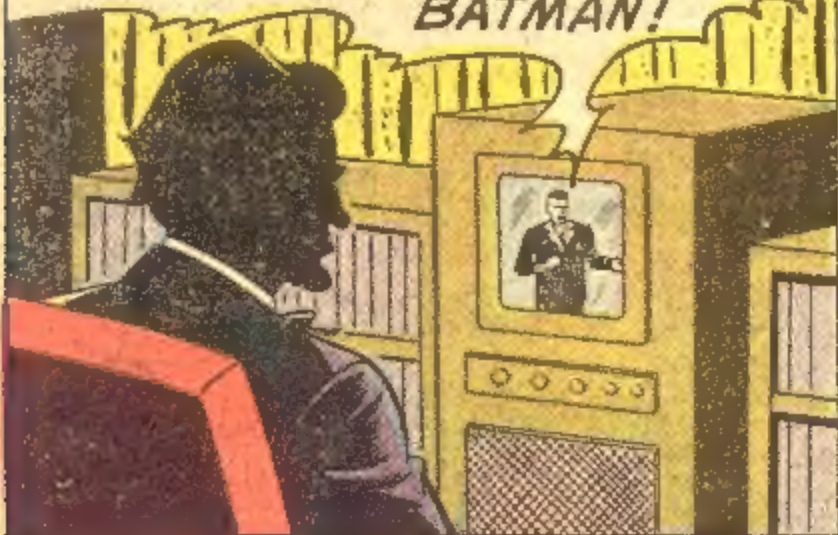


ONE NIGHT, AS A LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM MAKES ITS DEBUT ON TELEVISION...

...AND NOW I WISH TO INTRODUCE THAT GREAT CRIME-FIGHTER, WHO WILL BE THIS PROGRAM'S GUEST ANNOUNCER -- **BATMAN!**

GOOD EVENING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN...

THE **BATMAN**! SO SMUG-- SO SURE OF HIMSELF! GUEST ANNOUNCER! BAH! IT'S TIME SOMEONE **ANNOUNCED** TO THE WORLD THAT HE'S OVER-RATED! AND I'M THE ONE TO DO IT!



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BATMAN



LATER, A FIGURE FROM THE PAST WALKS THROUGH MODERN DAY GOTHAM CITY...

HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

LOOK! IT'S SOMEONE DRESSED UP AS AN OLD-FASHIONED "TOWN CRIER"!

I WONDER WHAT NEWS HE'LL ANNOUNCE?



SUDDENLY, THE "TOWN CRIER" WHIPS OFF HIS MAKEUP TO REVEAL THE MOCKING FACE OF...

THE JOKER!

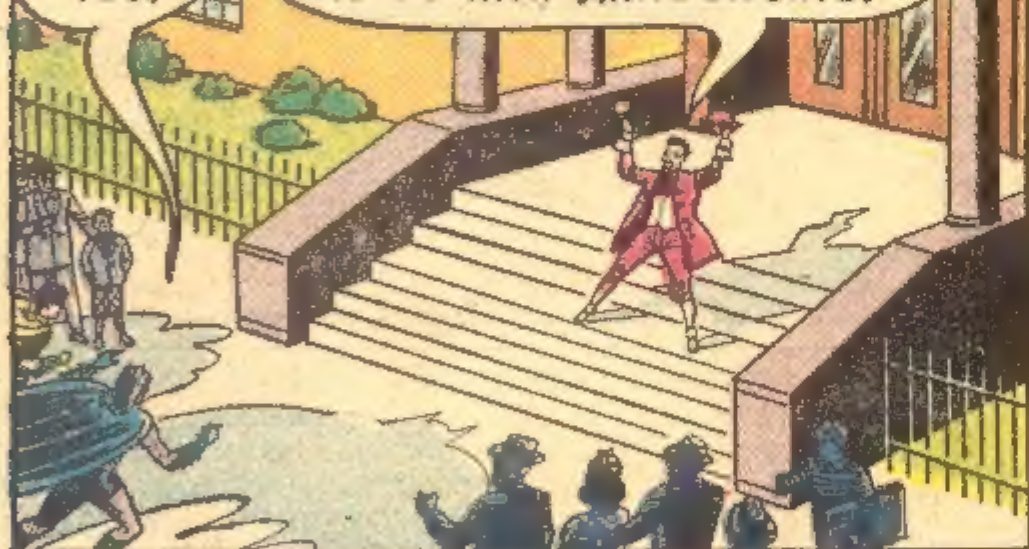
HA, HA! YES--THE JOKER-- HERE TO ANNOUNCE THAT I CHALLENGE BATMAN TO ANOTHER CONTEST OF WITS! HA! HA!



COMING OUT OF THE TV STUDIO NEARBY, BATMAN AND ROBIN HEAR THE JOKER'S INSULTING DEFIANCE...

SURE OF YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU?

SO SURE THAT I WILL ANNOUNCE ALL MY PLANS IN ADVANCE BY LEAVING CLUES-- AND TO MAKE IT FITTING, ALL MY CRIMES WILL HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH ANNOUNCING!



HEAR YE! HEAR YE! THE JOKER WILL NOW ESCAPE! HA! HA!

COME ON, ROBIN-- LET'S PUT THAT LAUGHING HYENA IN A CAGE!



HE SLIPPED THROUGH ONE OF THESE OFFICE DOORS! BUT WHICH ONE?

THAT ONE! I CAN HEAR HIS BELL!

HE TRICKED US! HE TIED THE BELL TO THAT ROTATING FAN!

AND LOOK THERE-- HE LEFT A CLUE TO HIS NEXT CRIME! A CHECKERBOARD!

THAT MEANS HIS NEXT CRIME WILL INVOLVE A SPORTS ANNOUNCER--AND CHESS OR CHECKERS!

TOO OBVIOUS, ROBIN! I'M SURE THERE'S A DEEPER MEANING FOR THAT CHECKERBOARD, BUT WHAT CAN IT BE?



READER, CAN YOU GUESS THE RIDDLE OF THE CHECKERED CLUE?

NEXT DAY, BEFORE THE START OF THE ANNUAL MIDGET AUTO RACE, FURTIVE FIGURES SNEAK INTO THE ANNOUNCER'S BOOTH...

GRAB HIM, PETE--WHILE I SWITCH ON THE MICROPHONE AND MAKE MY ANNOUNCEMENT! HA! HA!

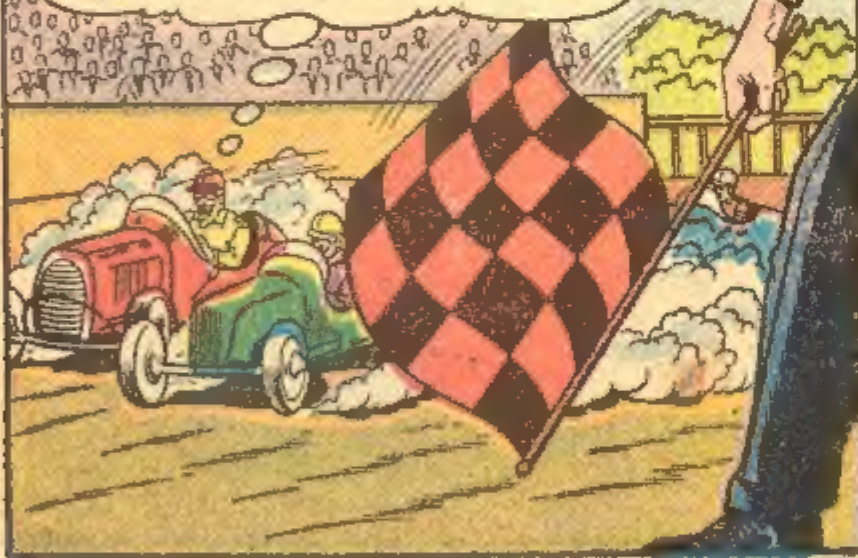


ATTENTION, PLEASE! THERE WILL BE A LAST-MINUTE ENTRY! CAR NUMBER 5 WILL BE DRIVEN BY JOE KERR!



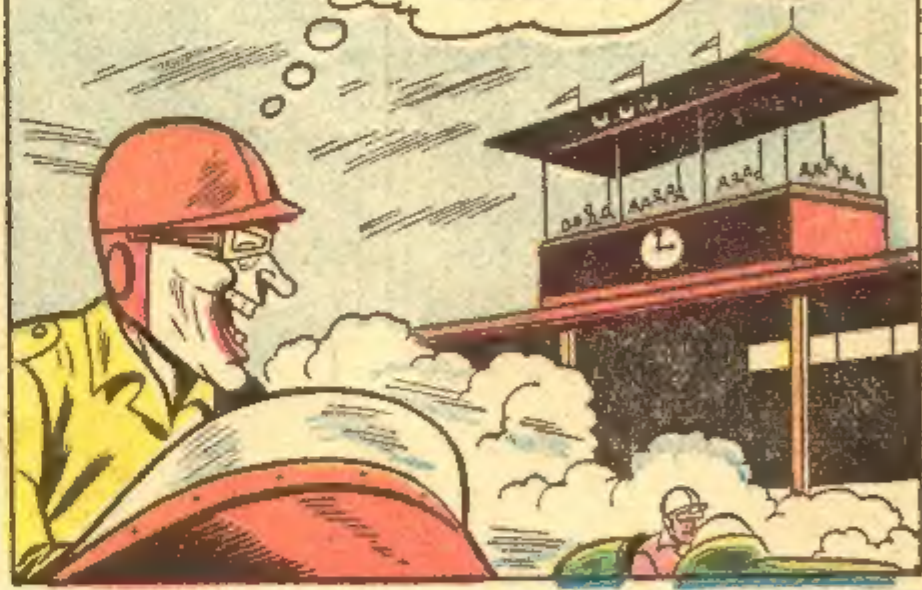
AND SOON, THE RACE BEGINS--SIGNALLED BY THE DIPPING OF THE STARTER'S TRADITIONAL CHECKERED FLAG!

HA! HA! I WONDER IF BATMAN FIGURED OUT THAT THE RACING FLAG IS MY CLUE? HA! HA!



AS THE LITTLE CARS ROAR AROUND THE TRACK, THE JOKER PREPARES TO ACT ON THE REST OF HIS PLAN...

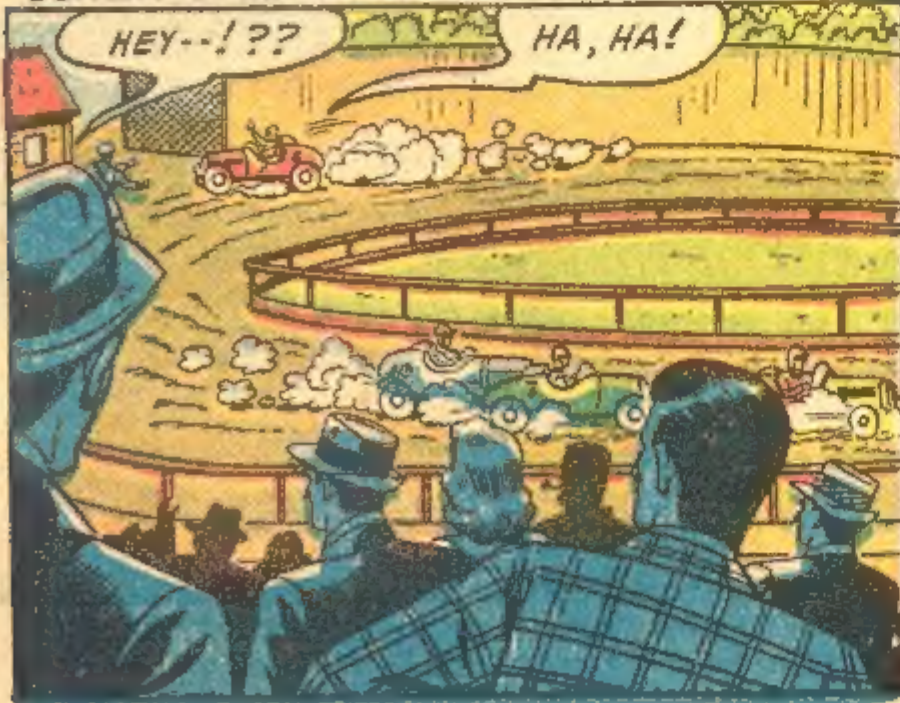
EXACTLY THREE O'CLOCK--THE TIME THE ARMORED TRUCK PULLS UP TO TAKE THE GATE RECEIPTS!



SUDDENLY, IN A SURPRISE MANEUVER, THE JOKER SPEEDS THROUGH A SIDE GATE...

HEY--!??

HA, HA!



BEFORE THE GUARDS CAN MOVE, THE JOKER'S GREEDY HAND HAS SNATCHED THE GATE RECEIPTS AND...

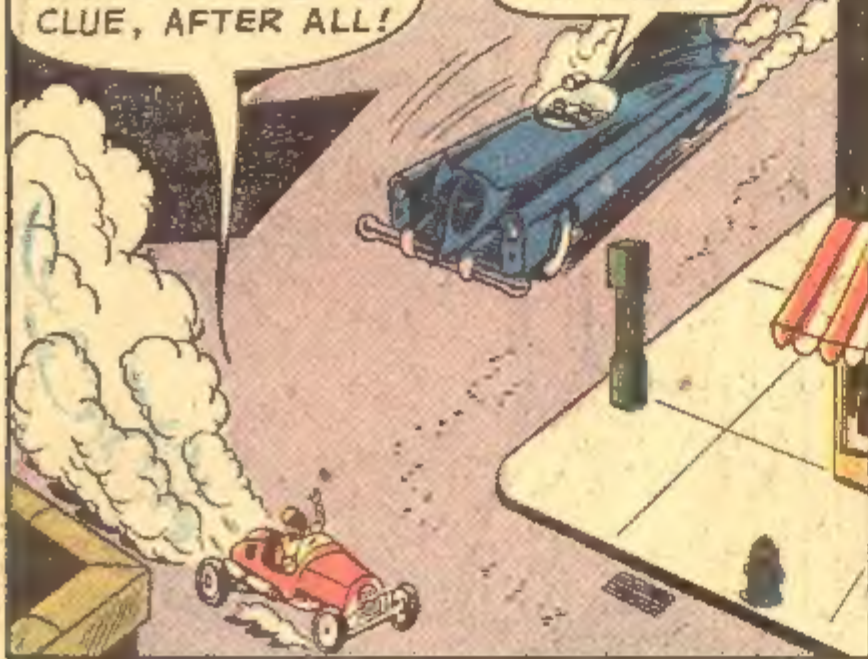
HELLO--AND GOODBYE! HA, HA!



SUDDENLY, A SLEEK VEHICLE APPEARS...

HA, HA! THERE'S **BATMAN!** HE FINALLY SOLVED MY CLUE, AFTER ALL!

THE **JOKER!** WE GOT HERE JUST IN TIME!



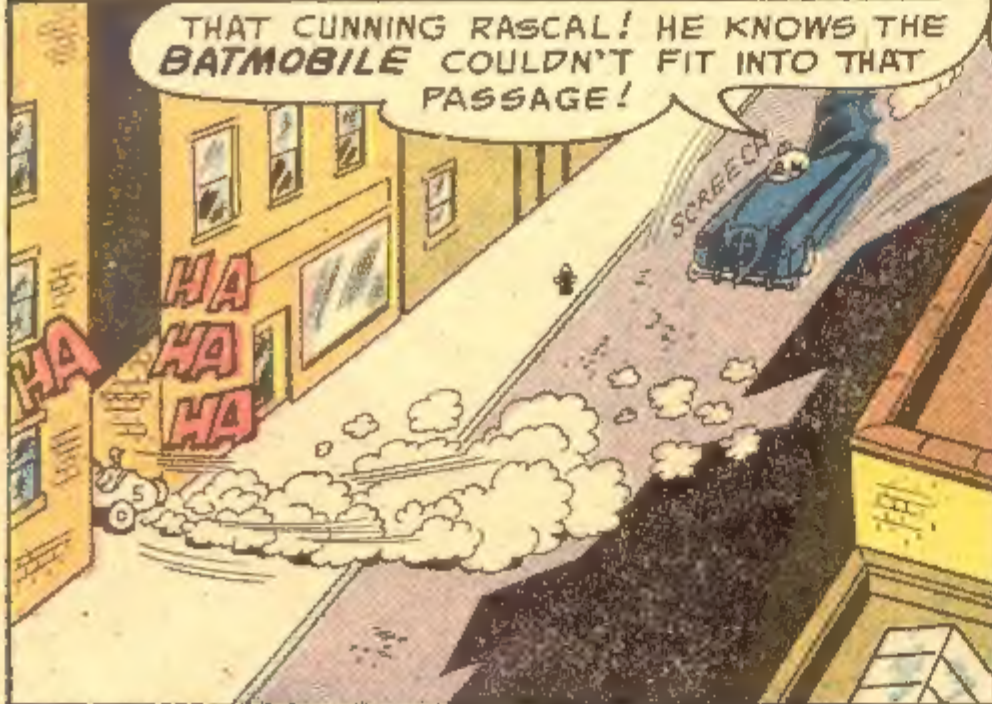
LIKE A STREAMLINED METEOR OF STEEL, THE **BATMOBILE** CAREENS AFTER THE MIDGET MENACE...

EVEN A RACING CAR CAN'T OUTRUN THE **BATMOBILE**-- BUT I PREPARED FOR THIS EMERGENCY!

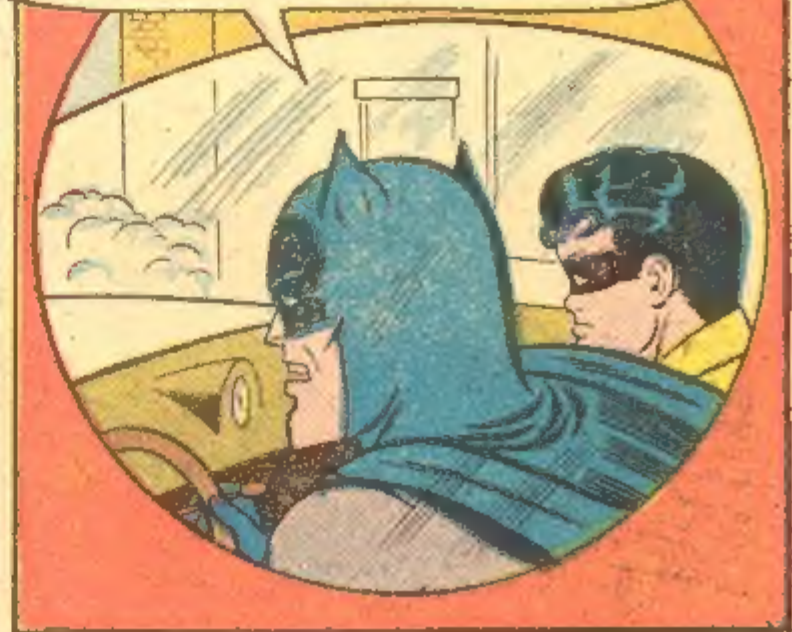


ABRUPTLY, THE **GRIM JESTER** SENDS HIS TINY CAR UP THE SIDEWALK AND INTO A NARROW ALLEY...

THAT CUNNING RASCAL! HE KNOWS THE **BATMOBILE** COULDN'T FIT INTO THAT PASSAGE!



PURSUIT IS USELESS NOW! HE'S HAD TOO MUCH OF A HEADSTART! WE'LL JUST HAVE TO WAIT AND HOPE HE SLIPS UP WITH HIS NEXT CLUE!



NEXT DAY, COMMISSIONER GORDON HANDS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** A PACKAGE LEFT FOR THEM AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

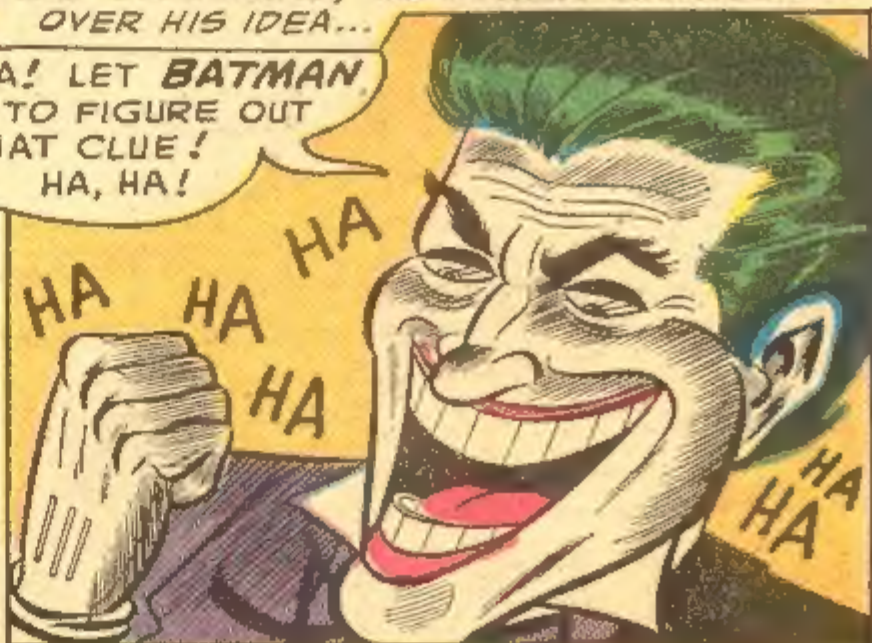
CINDERS AND CANDY!

HOW CAN THAT, PLUS AN ANNOUNCER, ADD UP TO A **JOKER** CRIME?

HA, HA! LET **BATMAN** TRY TO FIGURE OUT THAT CLUE! HA, HA!



AND ELSEWHERE, THE **JOKER** CHORTLES OVER HIS IDEA...



CINDERS AND CANDY! A STRANGE CLUE, INDEED! CAN YOU SOLVE ITS MEANING?

LATER, INSIDE A CRACK EXPRESS TRAIN...

DISPATCHER'S OFFICE CALLING!
BATMAN WARNS US THAT THE
JOKER WILL ATTEMPT TO HOLD
UP YOUR TRAIN! THEREFORE
YOUR ORDERS ARE CHANGED!



"THE DISPATCHER'S OFFICE?" NO, IT IS THE GRIM
JESTER WHO IS DOING THE TALKING!

STOP YOUR TRAIN AT THE NEXT YARD
TO TAKE ON ADDITIONAL GUARDS!



SO, SHORTLY AFTER, THE ENGINEER GRINDS
HIS TRAIN TO A STOP, AND UNWITTINGLY
ALLOWS THE DISGUISED JOKER'S BAND
ABOARD...

THE JOKER!

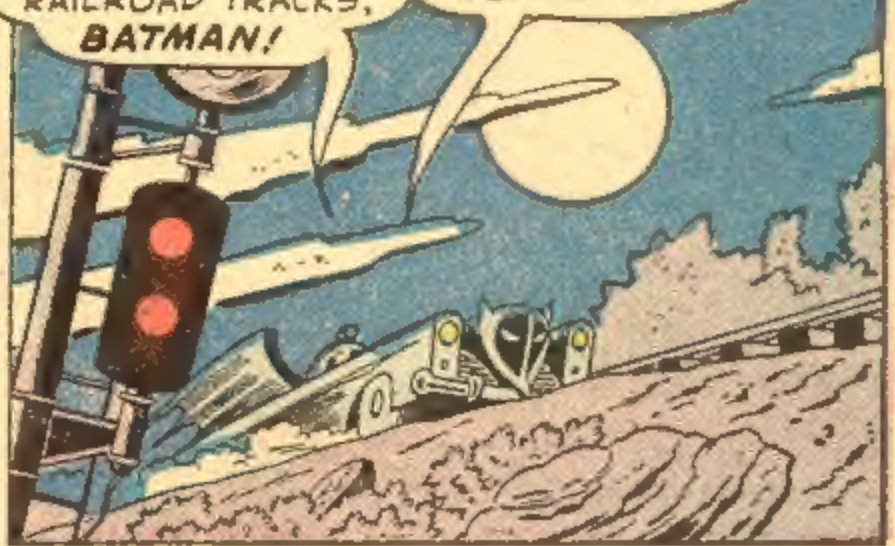
I'LL TAKE THAT CONSIGNMENT
OF JEWELS THAT THIS TRAIN
IS CARRYING!



MEANWHILE...

YOU FINALLY DID IT--
YOU FIGURED OUT
THE CINDERS WAS
A CLUE TO THE
CINDERBEDS OF
RAILROAD TRACKS,
BATMAN!

AS FOR THE CANDY
CLUE, THAT MEANT
A "CANDY TRAIN"--
RAILROAD SLANG
FOR A TRAIN
TRANSPORTING
JEWELRY!

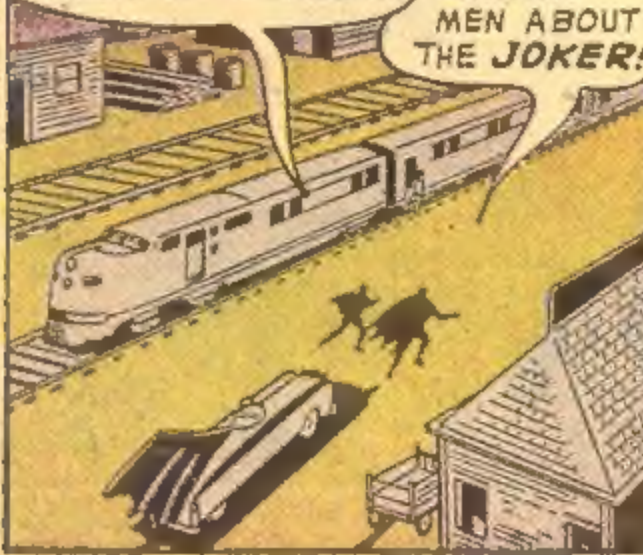


AND FREIGHT
LISTINGS TOLD
YOU ONLY ONE
TRAIN IS CARRY-
ING A BIG CONSIGN-
MENT OF JEWELRY!

THERE'S THE
TRAIN NOW!
I'LL WARN
ONE OF
THOSE
RAILROAD
MEN ABOUT
THE JOKER!

SUDDENLY, BATMAN'S
TRAINED EYES NOTE
SOMETHING UNUSUAL...

REAL RAILROAD MEN
ALWAYS OBEY THE
SAFETY RULE OF
BACKING DOWN
CAR STEPS! THOSE
MEN ARE PHONIES!



BUT AS THE CAPE LAWYEN
CHARGE... HURRY! WE
CAN LOSE THEM IN THE
MAINTENANCE YARD!





BATMAN



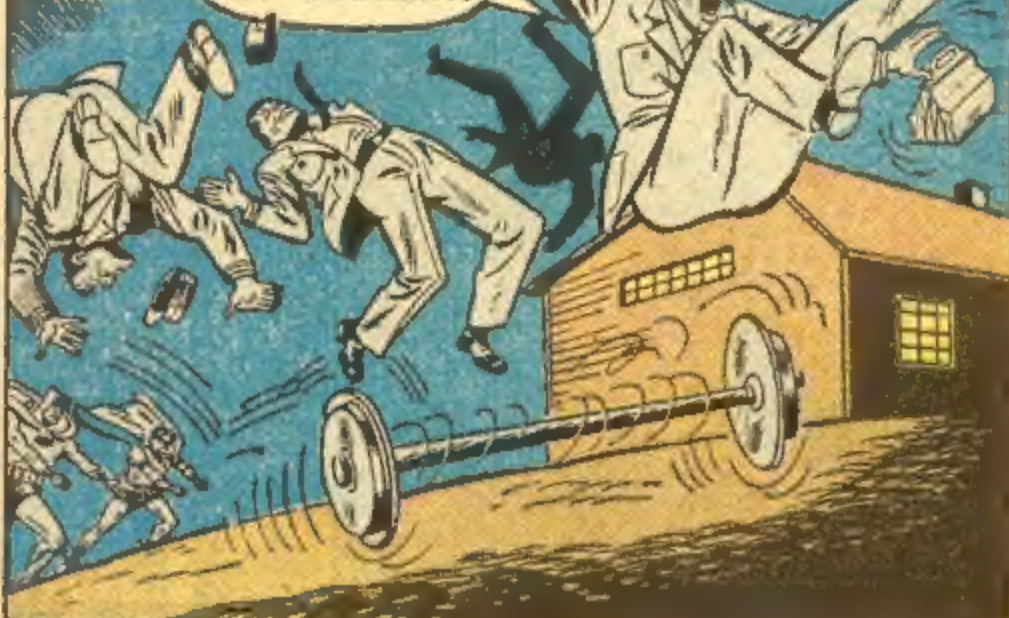
IF ONLY WE COULD
DOWN THEM FAST...

WE CAN! THERE'S
THE ANSWER TO
OUR PROBLEM!



WITH ONE TREMENDOUS HEAVE, **BATMAN AND ROBIN** SEND THE TRAIN AXLE ROLLING INTO THE BANDITS, AND...

UHHH!
I DROPPED THE SATCHEL
OF JEWELRY!



THEN, LIKE TWIN HURRICANES, **BATMAN AND ROBIN** STRIKE!

MUST FORGET THE LOOT
AND CONCENTRATE ON ESCAPE WHILE
BATMAN AND ROBIN ARE BUSY
FIGHTING THE MUSCLEMEN I
HIRED!



MOMENTS LATER, **BATMAN, ROBIN** AND
POLICE SEARCH THE YARD, BUT WITHOUT
SUCCESS...

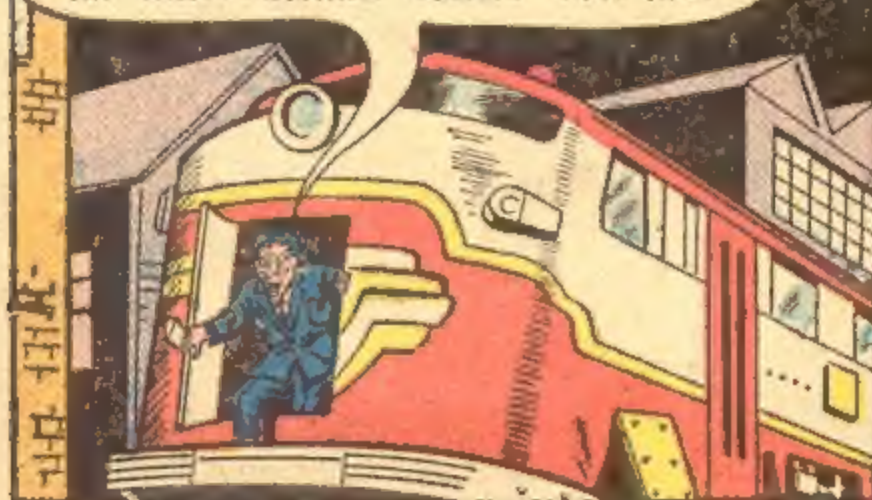
CHEER UP,
BATMAN! AT LEAST
HE DIDN'T GET AWAY
WITH HIS LOOT
THIS TIME!

I WON'T BE
SATISFIED UNTIL
I SEE THAT CROOKED
CLOWN BEHIND
BARS!



AFTERWARD, WHEN THE YARD IS DESERTED,
THE DOOR OF A STEAM LOCOMOTIVE UNDER
REPAIR SWINGS OPEN...

HA, HA! THE ONE
PLACE THEY NEVER FIGURED I'D BE
HIDING IN IS THE COLD "SMOKE BOX"!
HA, HA! NOW-- I'M FREE TO ANNOUNCE
MY NEXT CRIME CLUE! HA! HA!



AND NEXT DAY, POLICE HEADQUARTERS
RECEIVES ANOTHER BIZARRE MESSAGE...

A
PLAIN
SOCK--

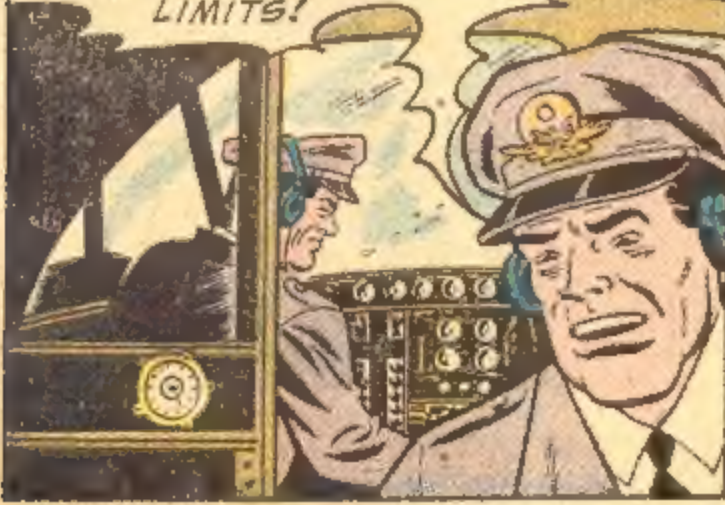
-- AND A
METAL
ARROW!



READER, CAN YOU UNDERSTAND THE CRIME
IMPLIED IN THE CRYPTIC CLUES?

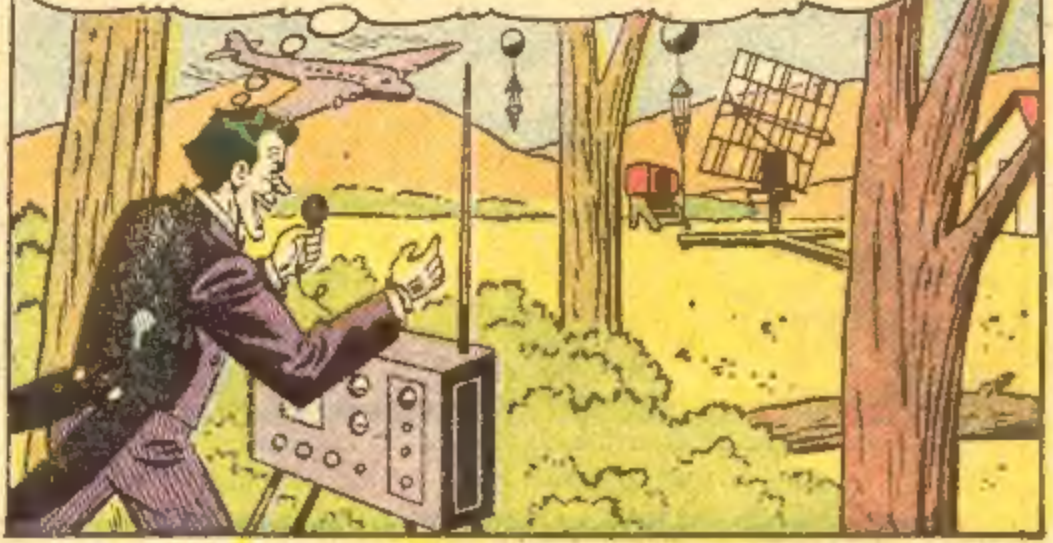
HOURS LATER, AS AN AIRLINER IS EN ROUTE TO GOTHAM CITY, THE PILOT RECEIVES A WEATHER BULLETIN...

THIS IS GOTHAM AIRFIELD CALLING! A HURRICANE HAS HIT HERE! YOU ARE TO LAND INSTEAD AT THE WEATHER STATION FIELD 25 MILES OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS!



HIDDEN IN THE WOODS NEAR THE WEATHER STATION FIELD, THE JOKER LAUGHS TRIUMPHANTLY...

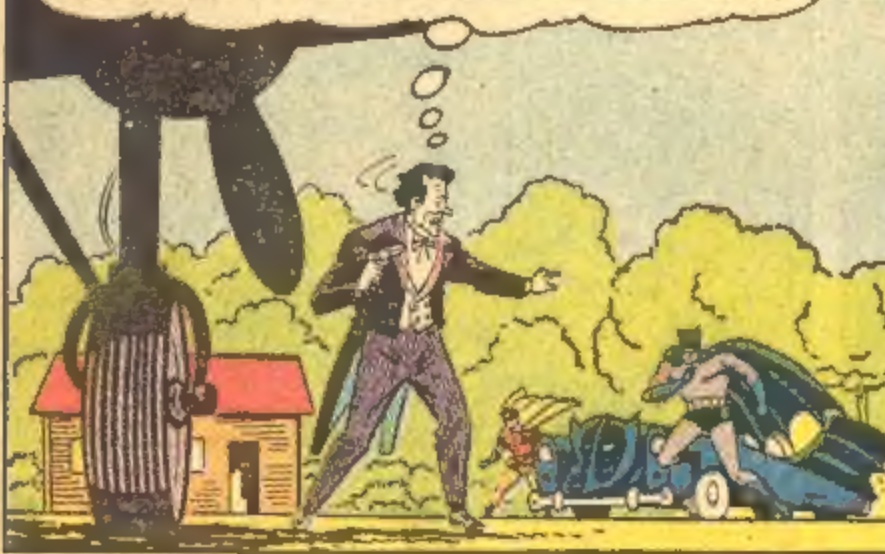
HA! HA! THE PILOT DOESN'T KNOW IT, BUT I CUT INTO THE AIRFIELD'S WAVELENGTH AND MADE THAT FAKE WEATHER ANNOUNCEMENT! NOW HE'LL LAND DOWN HERE-- WHERE I CAN HIJACK HIS \$100,000 BANK SHIPMENT!



BUT JUST AS THE JOKER DARTS TOWARD THE LANDING PLANE, HE IS BLOCKED BY TWO MANTLED FIGURES!

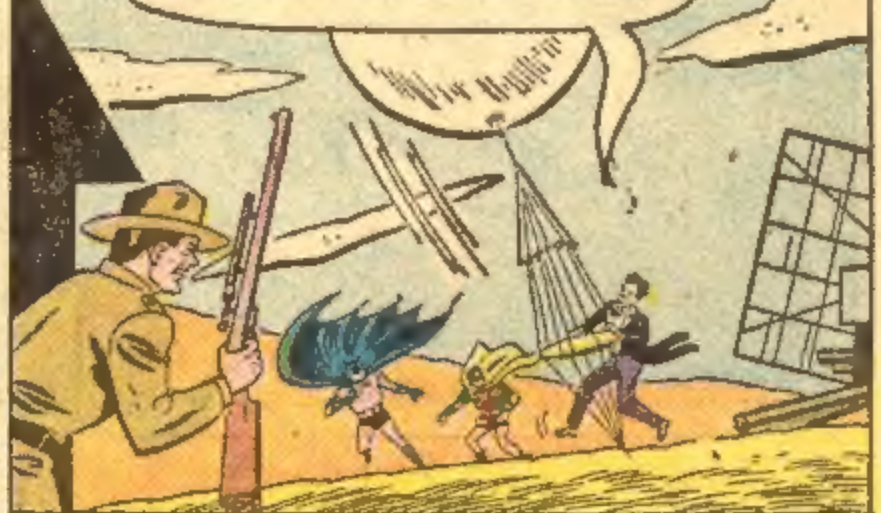
WHAT...?

BATMAN AND ROBIN! NOW I'LL HAVE TO USE THE ESCAPE ROUTE I PLANNED-- WITHOUT COMPLETING THE ROBBERY!



RACING TO THE STATION SHED, THE JOKER CUTS A WEATHER BALLOON FROM ITS MOORING...

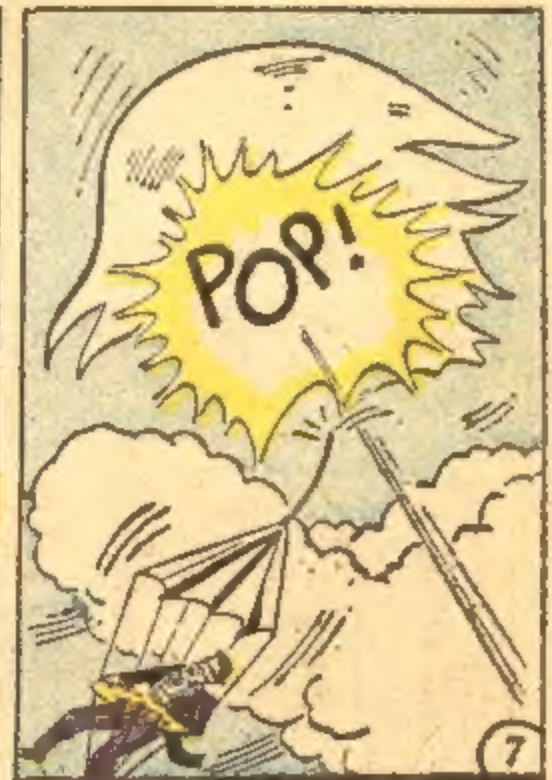
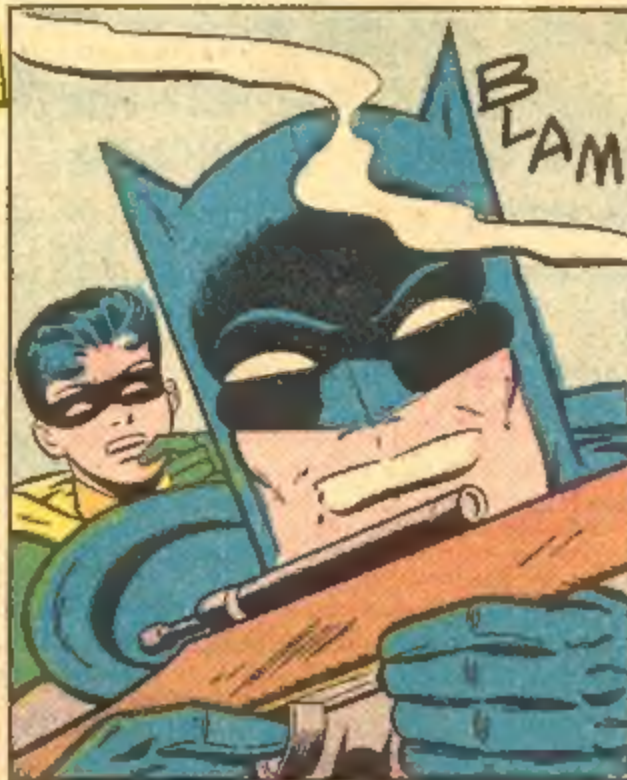
HA! HA! THIS BALLOON WILL CARRY ME ABOVE THE CLOUDS WHERE MY MEN ARE WAITING TO PULL ME INTO OUR GETAWAY BLIMP! HA! HA! FAREWELL, BATMAN!



GRIMLY, BATMAN REACHES OUT FOR A FOREST RANGER'S HIGH-POWERED RIFLE...

HE'LL COME RIGHT DOWN AGAIN-- WHEN A BULLET PUNCTURES THAT BALLOON!

BATMAN! NO! YOU CAN'T! HE'LL BE KILLED!



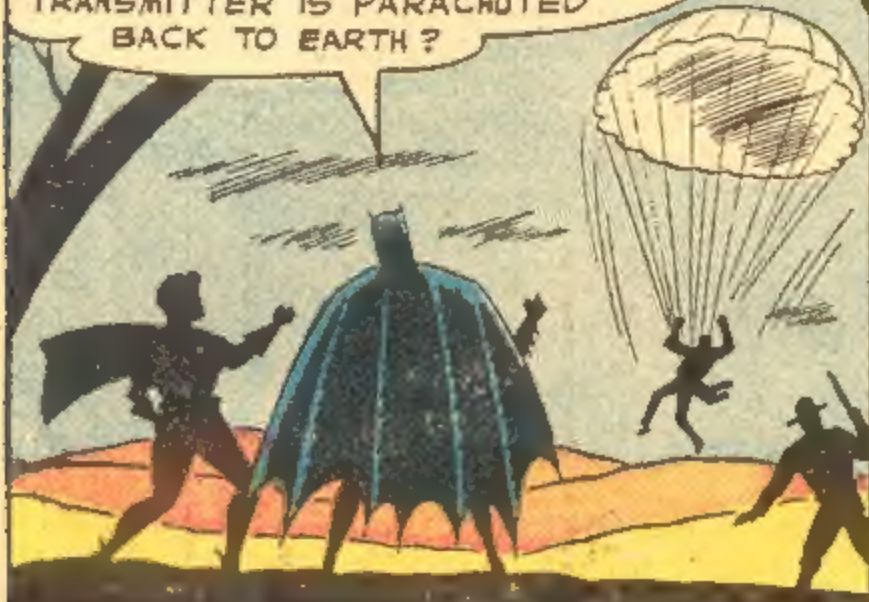


BATMAN



ABRUPTLY, THE **JOKER'S** PLUNGE IS SUDDENLY CHECKED! TCH-TCH, **ROBIN**--

DON'T YOU KNOW THAT A WEATHER BALLOON BURSTS AUTOMATICALLY 12 MILES UP... AND THAT ITS BOXED TRANSMITTER IS PARACHUTED BACK TO EARTH?



I DIDN'T WANT YOU TO GET TOO FAR UP, **JOKER**... OR YOUR GANG COULD HAVE PULLED YOU INTO YOUR BLIMP!

WE'LL RADIO THE AIR POLICE TO GET THEM, TOO! IT'LL BE ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY!



BAH! SO YOU FIGURED OUT THAT THE METAL ARROW MEANT A WEATHER VANE... AND THE SOCK MEANT AN AIRFIELD WINDSOCK!

YES! THAT, PLUS KNOWING THE PLANE'S CARGO, ADDED UP TO AN AIRPLANE ROBBERY IN WHICH YOU'D ANNOUNCE A FAKE WEATHER REPORT!



AND SO, THE **JOKER** IS LATER FORCED TO LISTEN TO ANOTHER TYPE OF ANNOUNCER...

INTO YOUR CELLS!

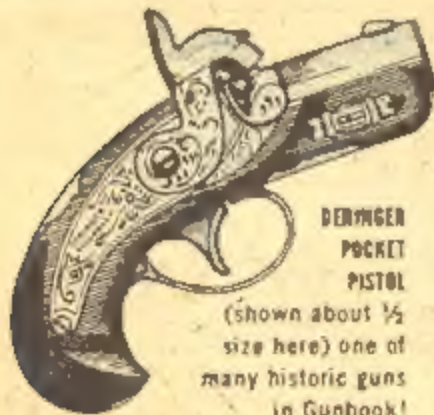
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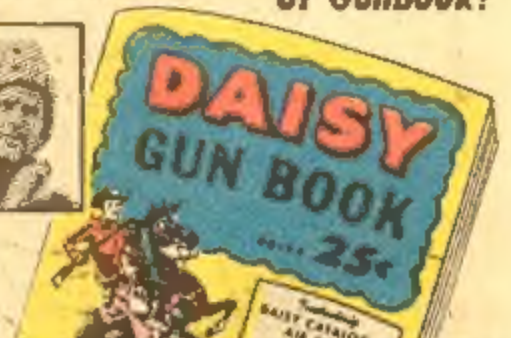
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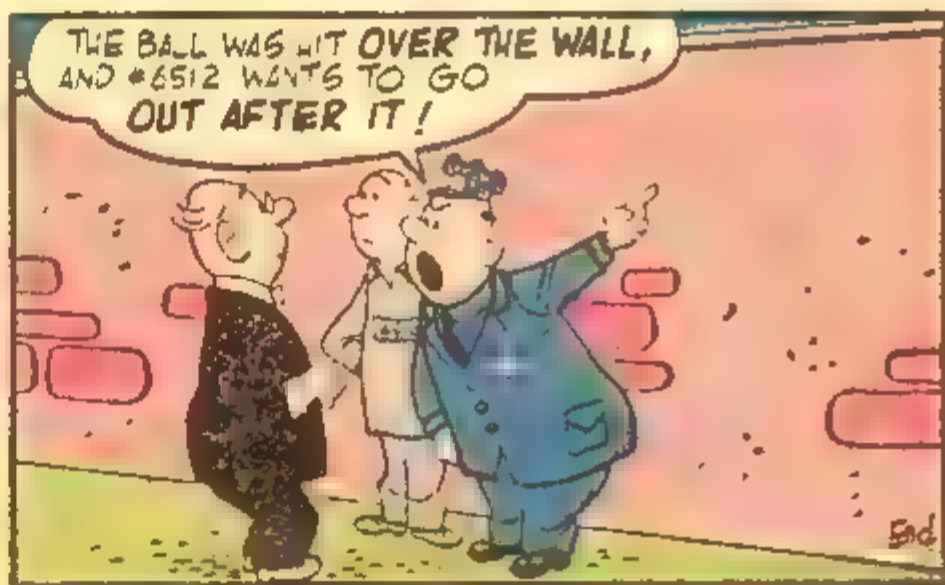
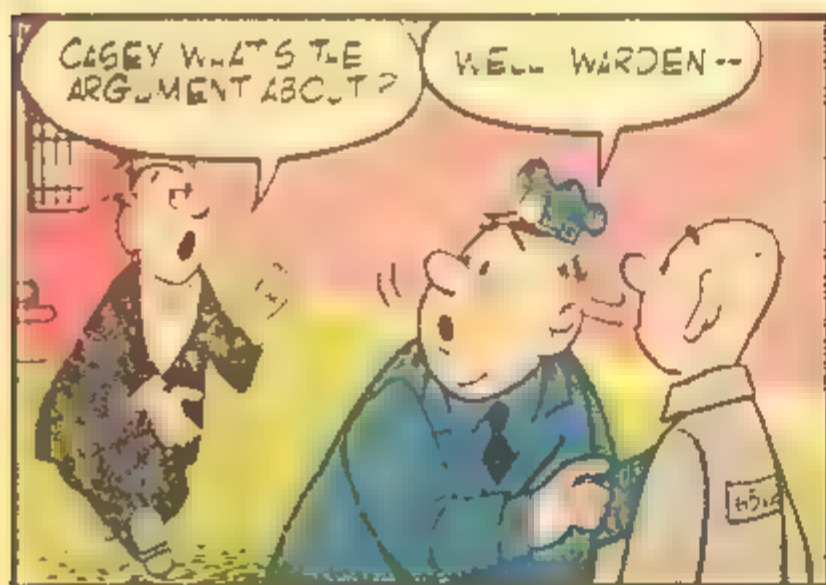
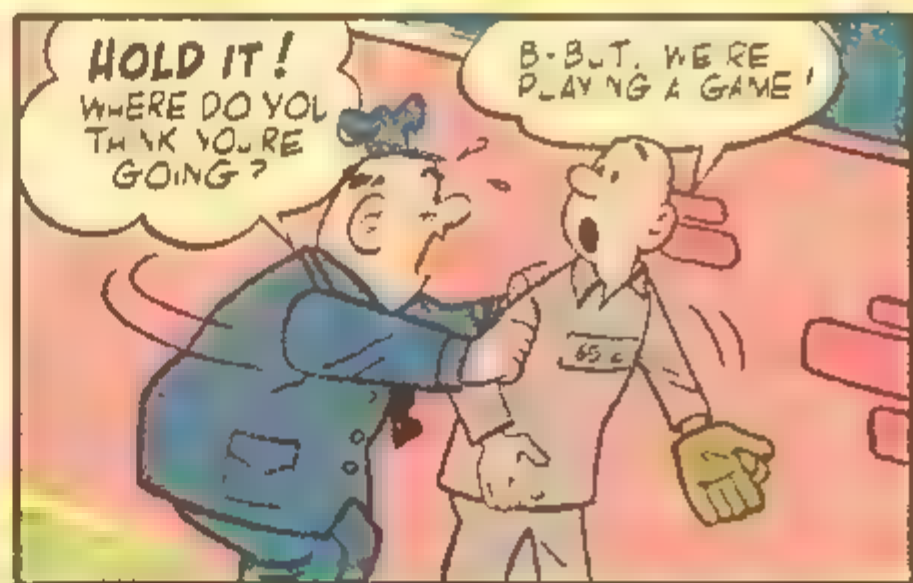
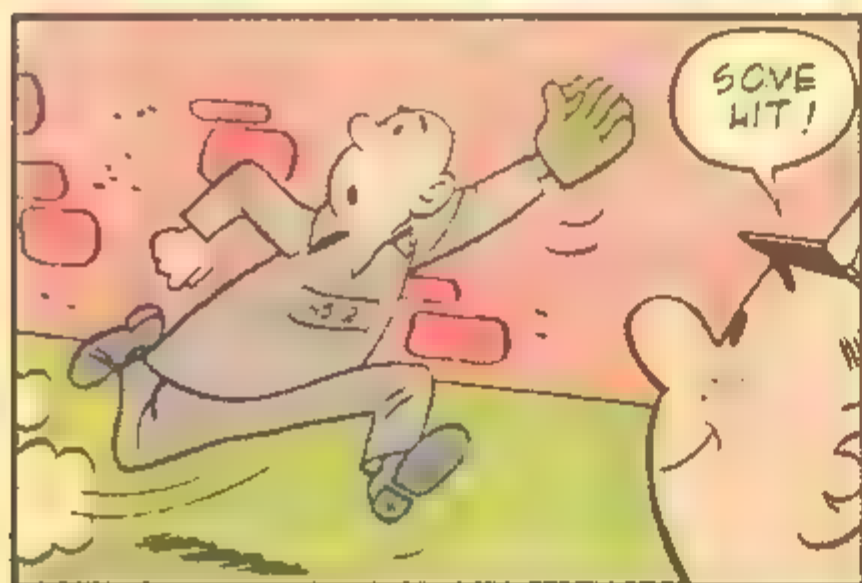
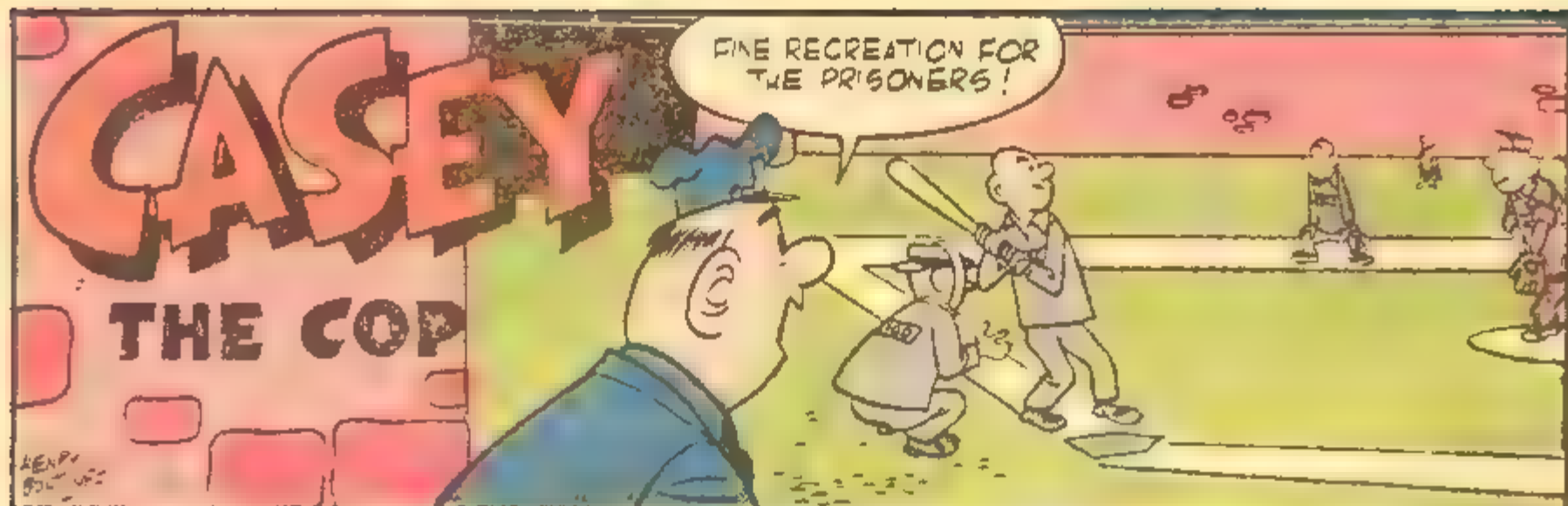
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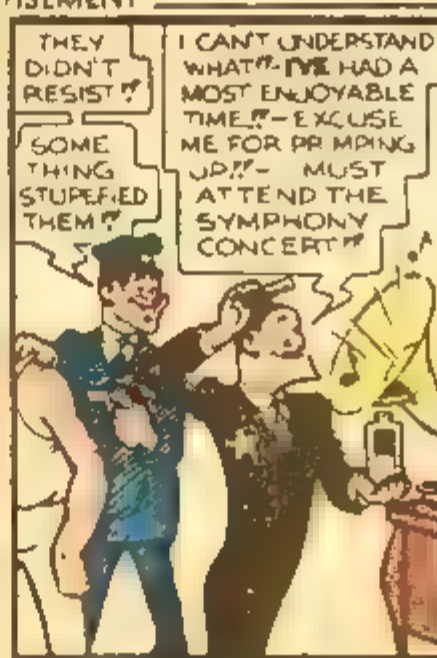
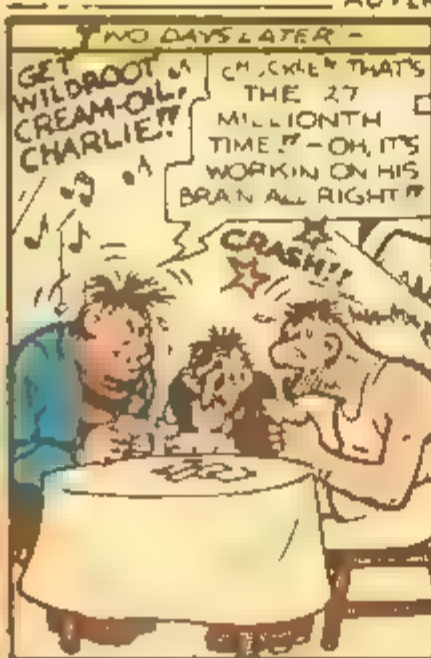
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GOSH, SUSIE, I'M BABY-SITTING FOR MRS. WILLIAMS TONIGHT AND I'M KIND OF NEW AT IT...

NOW DON'T BE NERVOUS, BUZZY. I'M AN OLD HAND AT IT. JUST FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE RULES...

"Be reliable - and begin by being prompt!"

RIGHT ON TIME BUZZY. WE'RE OFF TO A GOOD START.

"Be sure you have full instructions from parents, including safety measures at home."

OH, MRS. WILLIAMS, YOU FORGOT TO LEAVE ME A PHONE NUMBER TO CALL IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

SO I DID, BUZZY. THANKS FOR REMINDING ME.

"Remember, quiet activities are best before bedtime--so no rough housing"

"Be friendly but firm."

AW BUZZY, I DON'T WANT TO GO TO SLEEP YET.

BUT IT'S TIME TO GO TO SLEEP NOW JOHNNY. COME ON, I'LL READ YOU YOUR FAVORITE BEDTIME STORY.

"Respect the privileges the parents give you."

THANKS FOR CALLING, SUSIE, BUT I HAVE TO HANG UP NOW IN CASE JOHNNY'S MOTHER WANTS TO PHONE HOME.

OUCH! YOU'RE SURE FOLLOWING MY RULES TO THE LETTER!

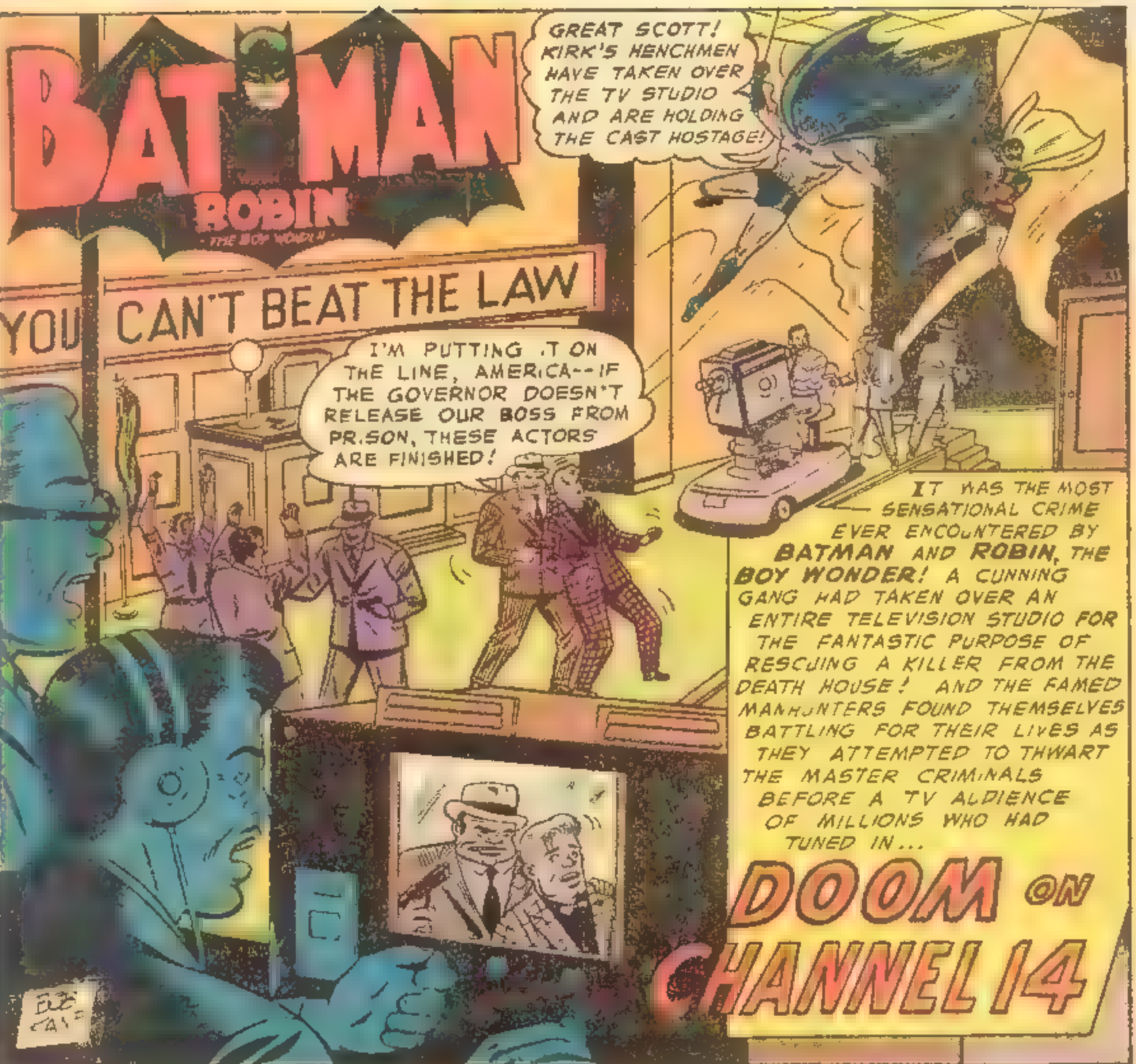
NEXT DAY...

EVERYTHING WENT FINE, THANKS TO YOU, SUSIE!

I WAS SURE I WOULD, BUZZY. I'VE FOUND THAT IF YOU TAKE THE JOB SERIOUSLY, YOU'LL ALWAYS BE IN DEMAND!



BATMAN



A TENSE DRAMA UNFOLDS AS THE CLOAKED FIGURES OF **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, THE **BOY WONDER**, SWOOP DOWN UPON AN ESCAPING CRIMINAL...

BETTER SURRENDER, KIRK! **ROBIN** AND I HAVE YOU CORNERED!

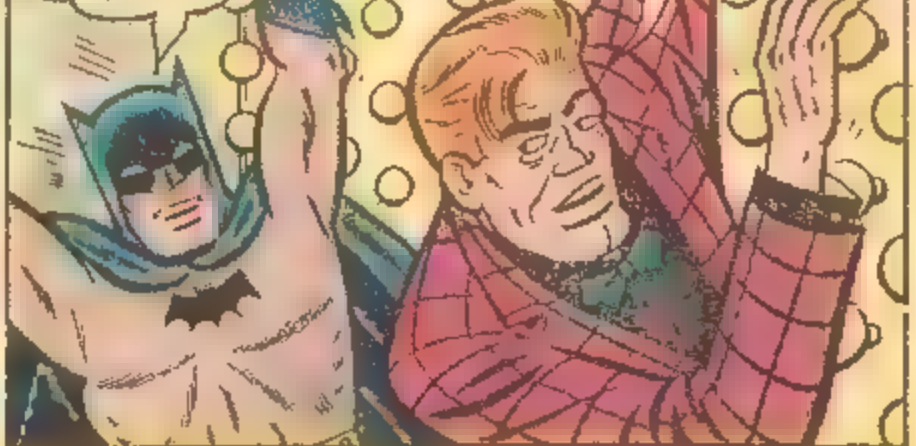
NOT ON YOUR LIFE, **BATMAN**--MARTY KIRK ALWAYS HAS AN ACE UP HIS SLEEVE...



AS THE FAMED MANHUNTERS CLOSE IN ON THEIR QUARRY, **BATMAN** MAKES A STRANGE SUGGESTION...

HURRY--THROW ONE OF THE SIGN BULBS AT ME! WE'RE ALMOST UPON YOU!

O-O-KAY, **BATMAN**...



WHAT POSSIBLE REASON COULD **BATMAN** HAVE FOR HELPING HIS ENEMY?

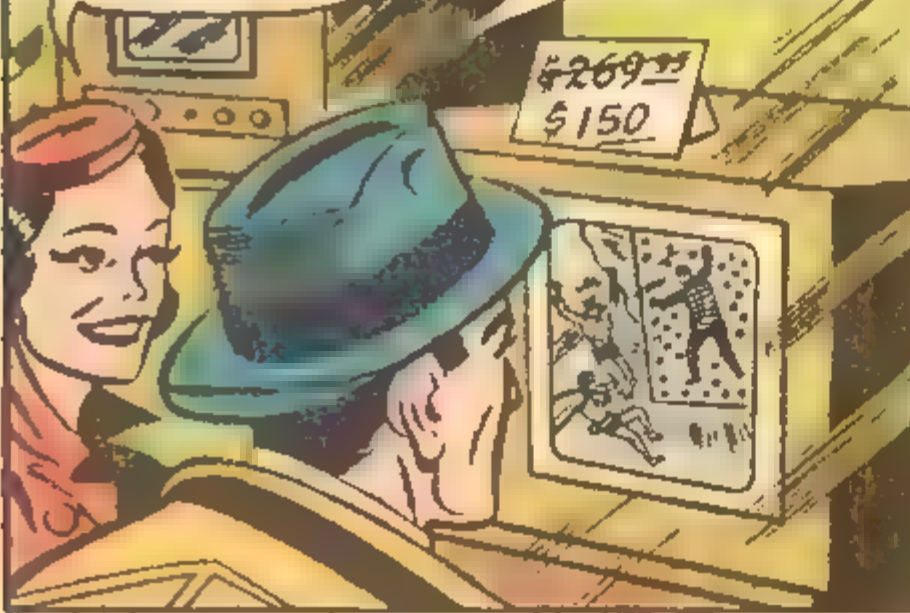


BATMAN



IN THE NEXT INSTANT, A TV AUDIENCE OF MILLIONS GASPS IN AWE AS... BUT HOW SO THAT'S HOW THE REAL MARTY KIRK ESCAPED BATMAN THAT TIME!

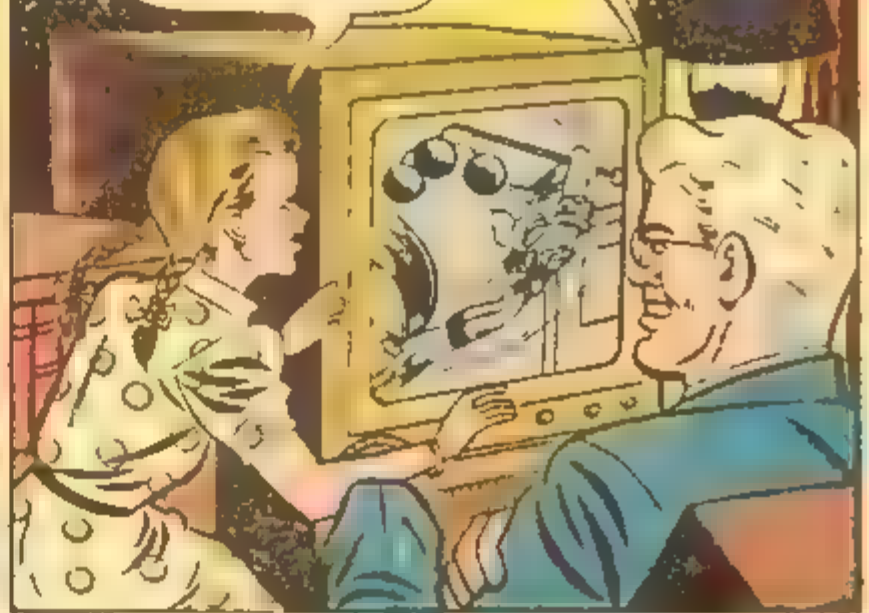
DID BATMAN AND ROBIN EVER GET OUT OF THAT ONE?



BREATHLESS MOMENTS LATER, HOME-VIEWERS FROM COAST TO COAST WITNESS THE ANSWER...

LOOK-- ROBIN SAVED THE DAY BY BREAKING THEIR FALL!

WHAT A TEAM!



AND AS THE SCENE FADES OUT, A STUDIO ANNOUNCER BRINGS THE AUDIENCE BACK TO REALITY.

THUS DID MARTY KIRK ONCE AGAIN MANAGE TO ELUDE THE LAW! IN A MOMENT, CHANNEL 14 WILL CONTINUE THE LIFE STORY OF THIS NOTORIOUS PUBLIC ENEMY! BUT FIRST-- A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR...



IRONIC, ISN'T IT, BATMAN? HERE WE ARE RE-ENACTING KIRK'S LIFE OF CRIME ON THE VERY EVE OF HIS EXECUTION!

IT'S THAT VERY FACT THAT MIGHT SWAY OTHER WOULD-BE CRIMINALS FROM FOLLOWING IN KIRK'S FOOTSTEPS, DIRECTOR HUTTON!



THAT'S ONE OF THE REASONS ROBIN AND I AGREED TO PLAY OURSELVES IN THIS DRAMATIZATION OF THE CRIMINAL'S LIFE!

I UNDERSTAND KIRK'S LAST REQUEST IN THE DEATH HOUSE WAS TO SEE THIS SHOW, IS R?

THAT'S RIGHT A SPECIAL MONITOR SET HAS BEEN PLACED IN HIS CELL! HE'S WATCHING THE PROGRAM AT THIS VERY MINUTE!

C'MON BATMAN-- ROBIN! WE'RE LEAVING FOR LOCATION TO SHOOT THE NEXT SCENE!





BATMAN



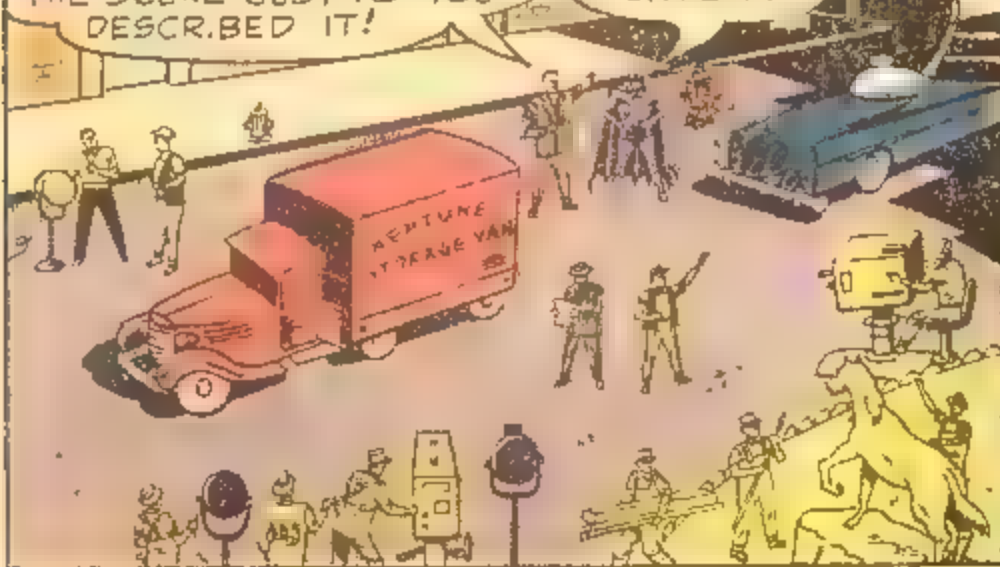
AS THE FAMED PAIR ARRIVES AT THE AREA, A SHORT DISTANCE AWAY...

THERE IT IS, **BATMAN**-- THE ACTUAL LOCATION WHERE YOU APPREHENDED KIRK! WE'VE DUPLICATED THE SCENE JUST AS YOU DESCRIBED IT!

IT'S IDENTICAL, DIRECTOR HUTTON! HMM... IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE WE'RE ON CAMERA

AND NOW... PART TWO OF OUR TV SHOW, "YOU CAN'T BEAT THE LAW." NOTORIOUS MARTY KIRK HAS JUST HELD UP THE FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK AND ESCAPED WITH \$100,000! **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ARE HOT ON HIS HEELS...

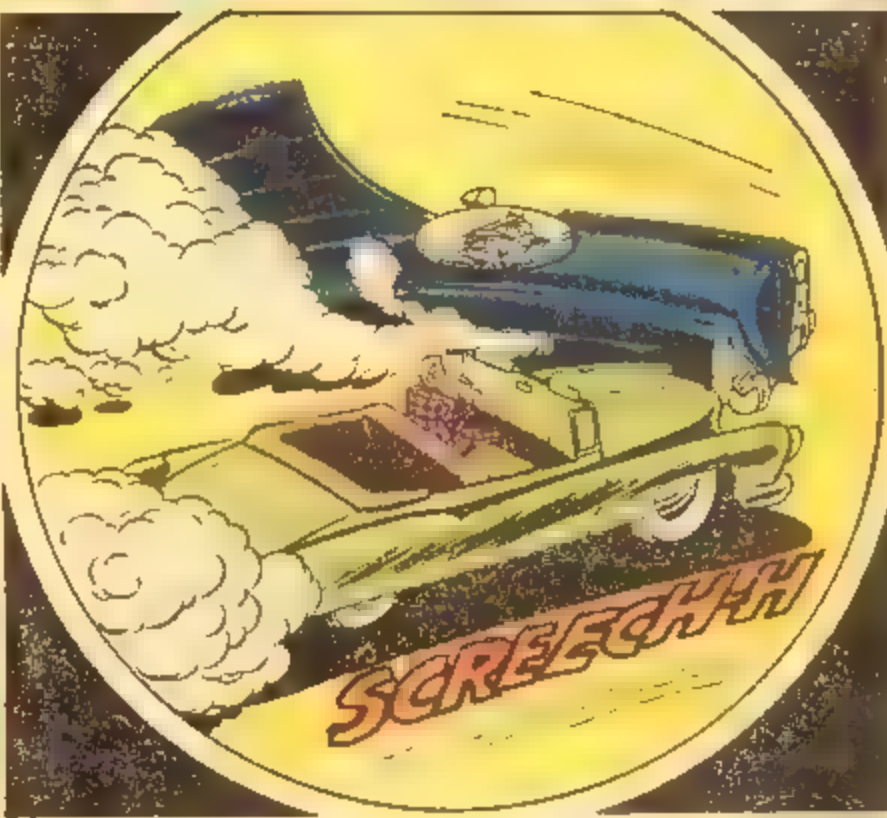
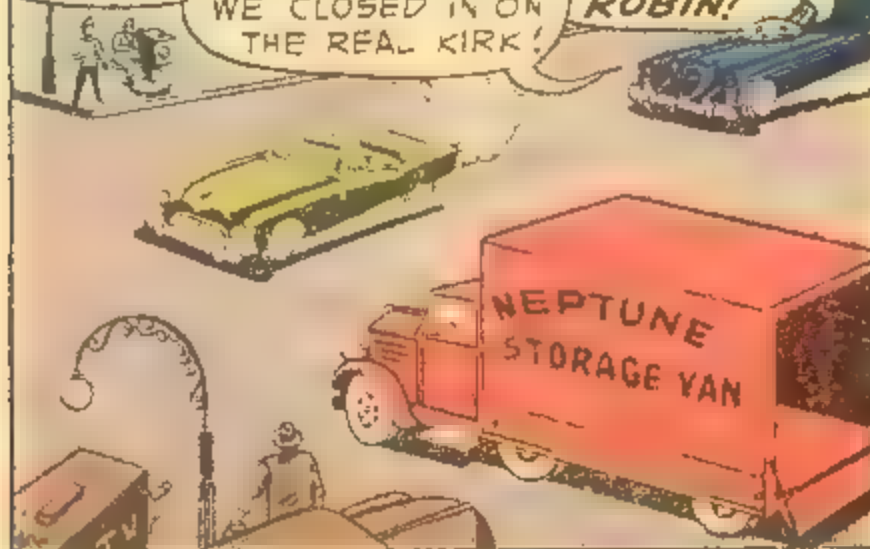
PLACES, EVERYONE...



A MOMENT LATER, AS THE "ON-CAMERA" LIGHT FLASHES AT THE LOCALE SCENE, THE ROAR OF THE **BATMOBILE** FILLS THE AIR...

HE'S JUST ABOUT OPPOSITE THE VAN, **BATMAN**! THIS IS WHERE WE CLOSED IN ON THE REAL KIRK!

I'LL OPEN UP THE **BATMOBILE'S** JET POWER, **ROBIN**!



WOW! THE MOMENTUM OF THE **BATMOBILE** CARRIED US A GOOD FIFTY YARDS AHEAD OF KIRK, **BATMAN**!

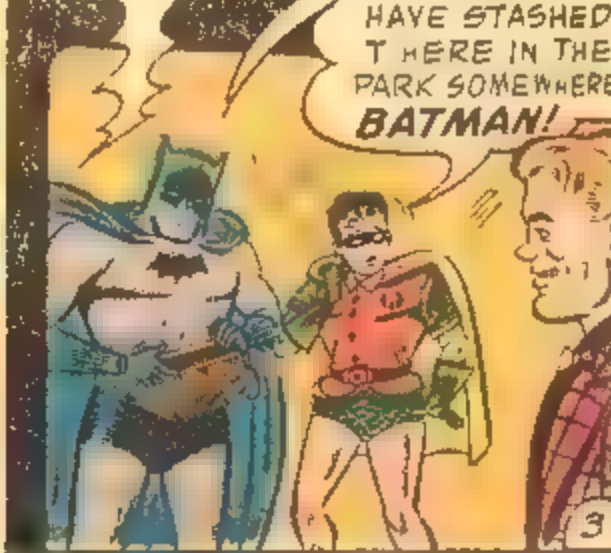
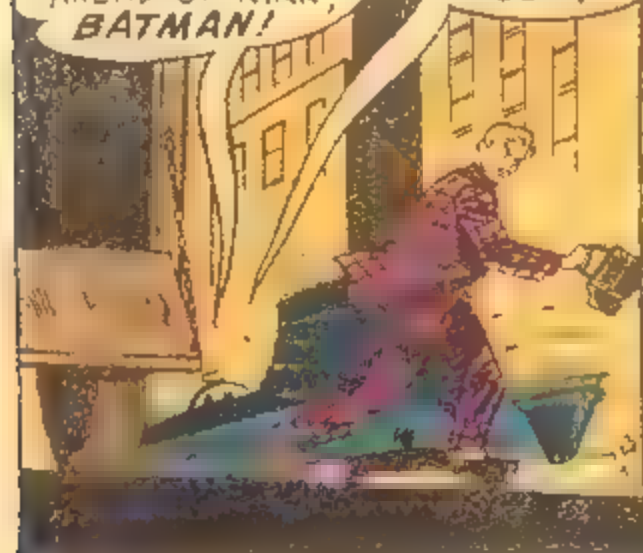
WE'LL SOON MAKE UP THAT GROUND, **ROBIN**-- KIRK'S AT OUR MERCY ON FOOT!

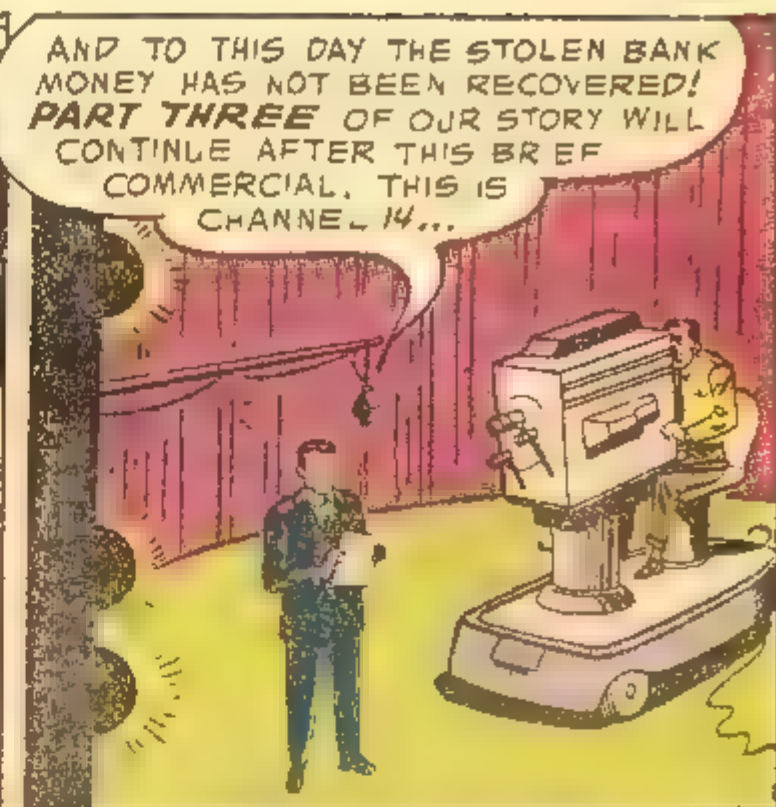
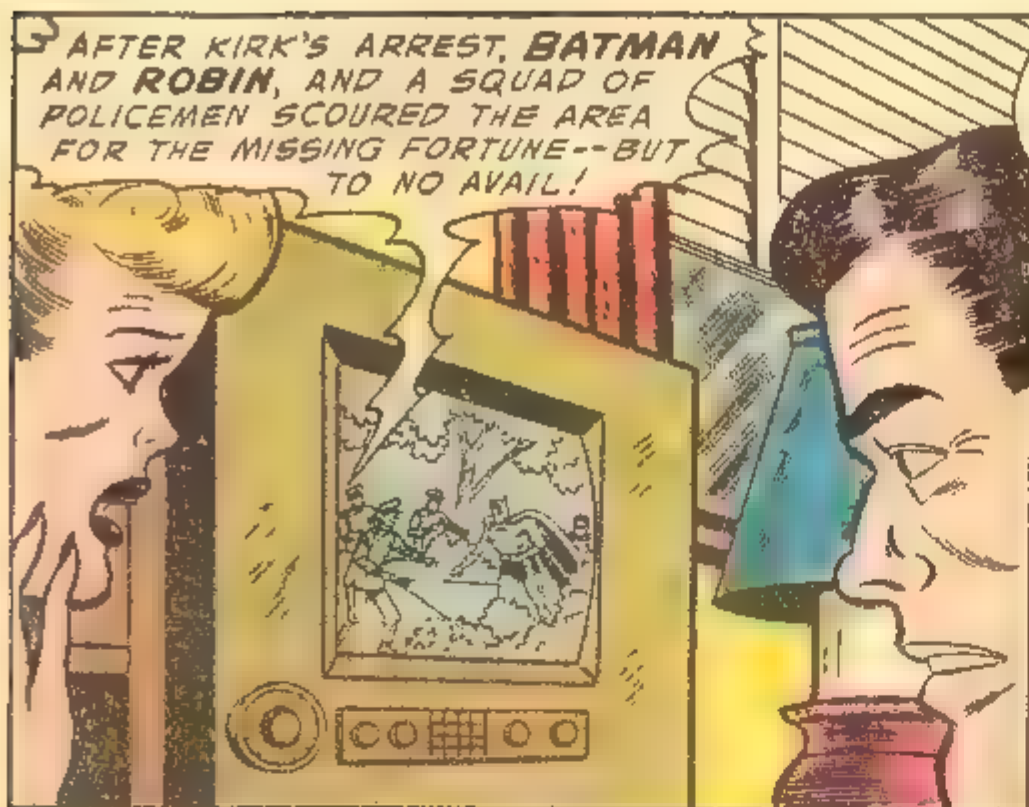
BATMAN'S WORDS RANG TRUE! FOR, JUST FOUR MINUTES LATER, THE FAMED CRIME-FIGHTER LOCATED PUBLIC ENEMY NO. 1!

BUT EVEN IN DEFEAT, THE STOLEN BANK MONEY-- IT'S GONE, **ROBIN**!

HUH?

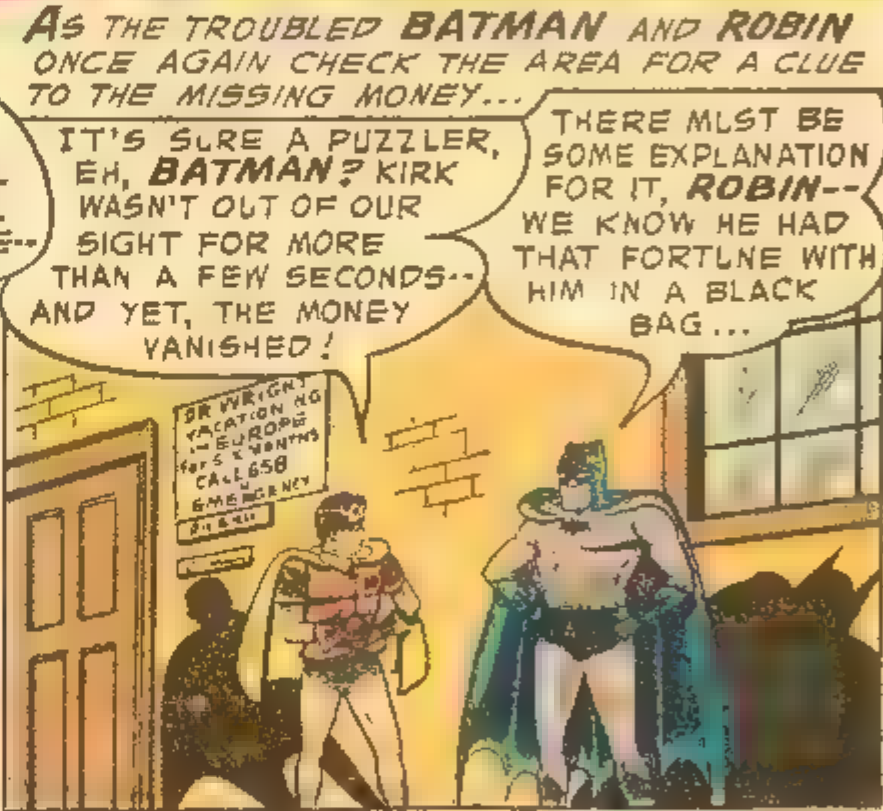
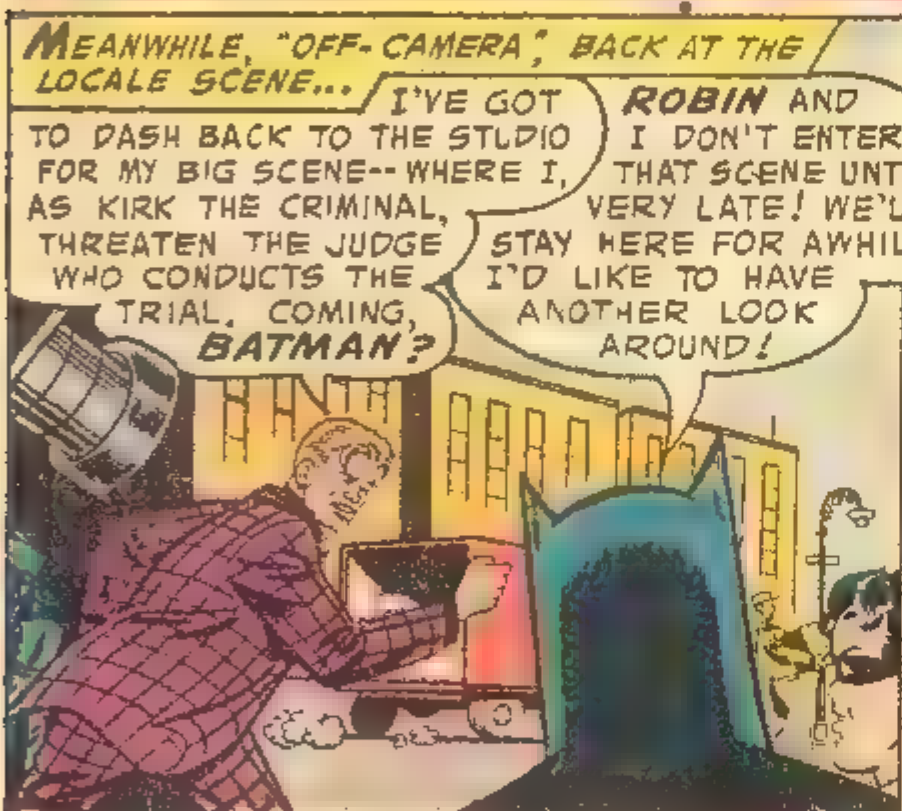
HE MUST HAVE STASHED IT HERE IN THE PARK SOMEWHERE **BATMAN**!





AFTER KIRK'S ARREST, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, AND A SQUAD OF POLICEMEN SCoured THE AREA FOR THE MISSING FORTUNE--BUT TO NO AVAIL!

AND TO THIS DAY THE STOLEN BANK MONEY HAS NOT BEEN RECOVERED! **PART THREE** OF OUR STORY WILL CONTINUE AFTER THIS BRIEF COMMERCIAL. THIS IS CHANNEL 14...



MEANWHILE, "OFF-CAMERA," BACK AT THE LOCALE SCENE...

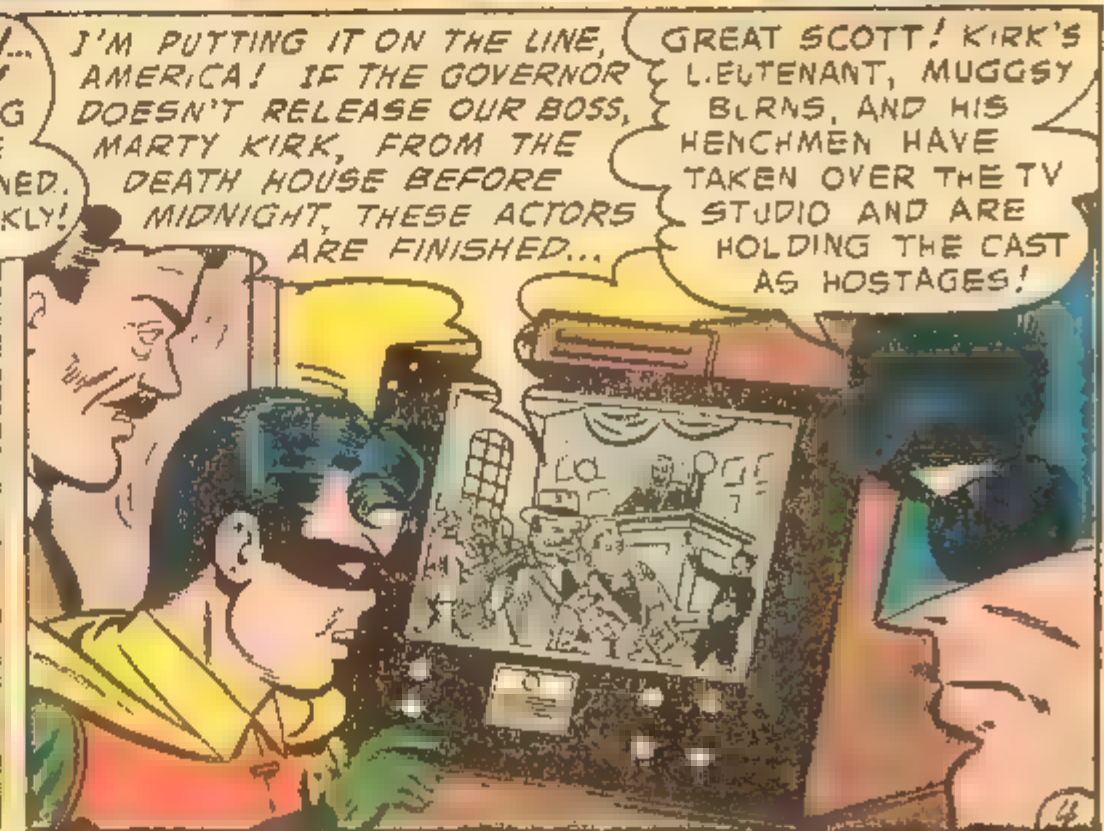
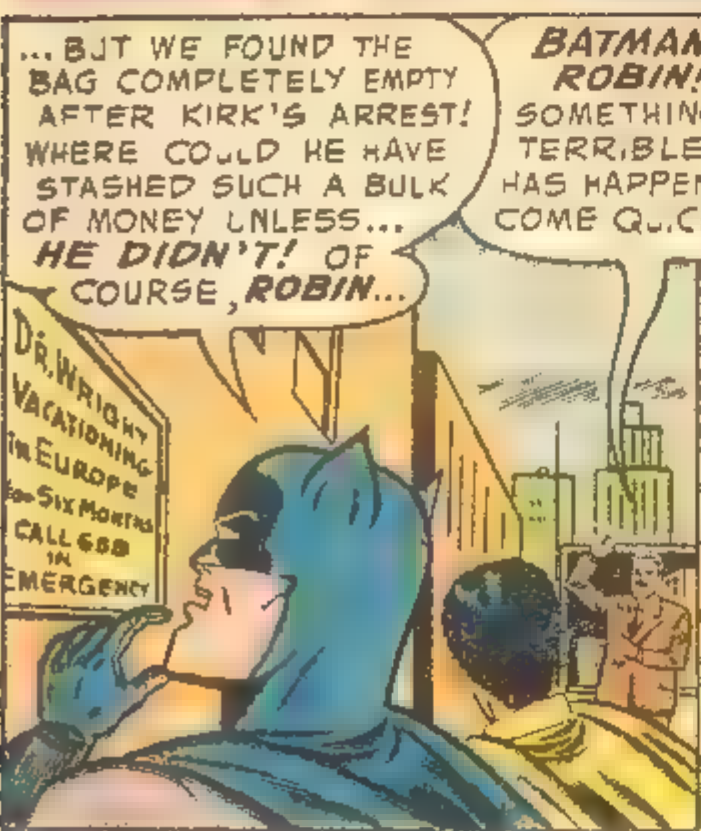
I'VE GOT TO DASH BACK TO THE STUDIO FOR MY BIG SCENE--WHERE I, AS KIRK THE CRIMINAL, THREATEN THE JUDGE WHO CONDUCTS THE TRIAL. COMING, **BATMAN**?

ROBIN AND I DON'T ENTER THAT SCENE UNTIL VERY LATE! WE'LL STAY HERE FOR AWHILE-- I'D LIKE TO HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AROUND!

AS THE TROUBLED **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ONCE AGAIN CHECK THE AREA FOR A CLUE TO THE MISSING MONEY...

IT'S SURE A PUZZLER, EH, **BATMAN**? KIRK WASN'T OUT OF OUR SIGHT FOR MORE THAN A FEW SECONDS-- AND YET, THE MONEY VANISHED!

THERE MUST BE SOME EXPLANATION FOR IT, **ROBIN**-- WE KNOW HE HAD THAT FORTUNE WITH HIM IN A BLACK BAG...



...BUT WE FOUND THE BAG COMPLETELY EMPTY AFTER KIRK'S ARREST! WHERE COULD HE HAVE STASHED SUCH A BULK OF MONEY UNLESS... **HE DIDN'T!** OF COURSE, **ROBIN**...

BATMAN... ROBIN! SOMETHING TERRIBLE HAS HAPPENED. COME QUICKLY!

I'M PUTTING IT ON THE LINE, AMERICA! IF THE GOVERNOR DOESN'T RELEASE OUR BOSS, MARTY KIRK, FROM THE DEATH HOUSE BEFORE MIDNIGHT, THESE ACTORS ARE FINISHED...

GREAT SCOTT! KIRK'S LEUTENANT, MUGGSY BLRNS, AND HIS HENCHMEN HAVE TAKEN OVER THE TV STUDIO AND ARE HOLDING THE CAST AS HOSTAGES!

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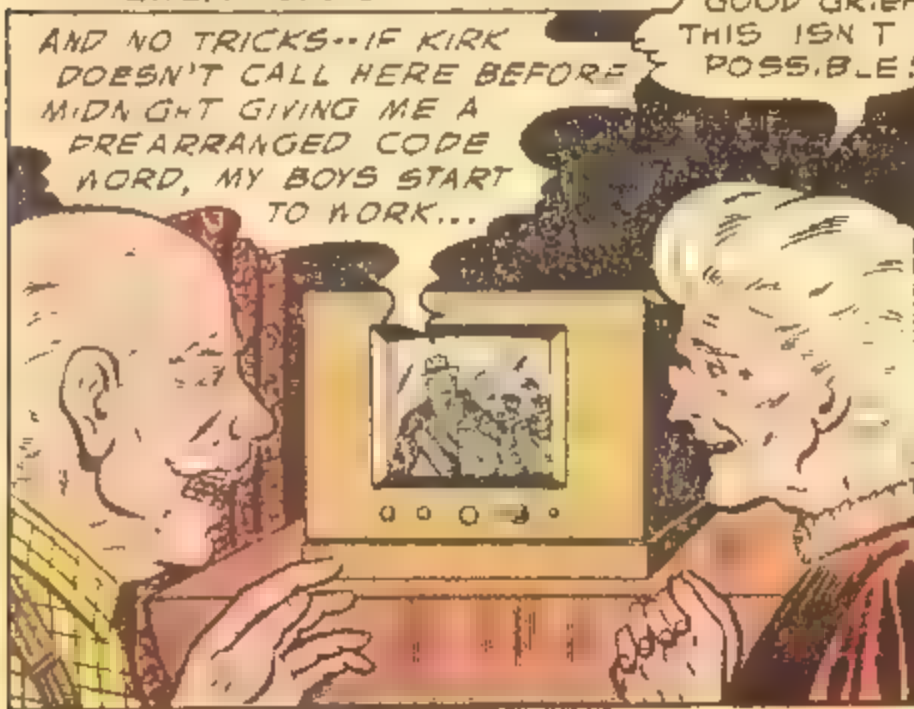


AS THE FANTASTIC CRIMINAL DEMANDS ARE CARRIED FROM COAST TO COAST, A NATION OF VIEWERS LOOKS ON STUNNED...

IT'S UP TO YOU, GOVERNOR--KIRK'S LIFE FOR THEIRS! YOU'VE GOT UNTIL MIDNIGHT TO DECIDE!

GOOD GRIEF-- THIS ISN'T POSSIBLE!

AND NO TRICKS--IF KIRK DOESN'T CALL HERE BEFORE MIDNIGHT GIVING ME A PREARRANGED CODE WORD, MY BOYS START TO WORK...



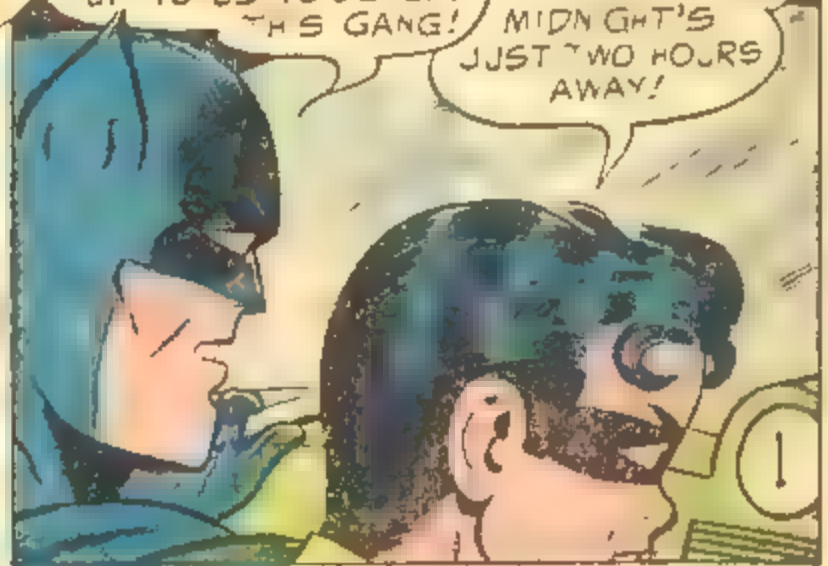
IN A MATTER OF MINUTES, 20,000,000 VIEWERS HAVE BECOME EYEWITNESSES TO THE MOST INCREDIBLE CRIME IN HISTORY! AND AS **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** RACE TO TV CITY...

IF HE DID, IT WOULD ONLY ENCOURAGE OTHER HOODLUMS TO USE THE SAME DEPLORABLE TACTICS! NO... IT'S UP TO US TO DEFEAT THIS GANG!

SURE... BUT HOW, **BATMAN**? THOSE CRIMINALS WILL TAKE ACTION IF WE TRY ANY TRICKS-- AND MIDNIGHT'S JUST TWO HOURS AWAY!

GOSH, THE GOVERNOR'S ON THE SPOT, **BATMAN**! IF HE DOESN'T FREE KIRK, HE'LL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FATE OF THOSE ACTORS AND TV CREWMEN!

YES, **ROBIN**-- BUT THE GOVERNOR CAN'T POSSIBLY MEET THE CRIMINALS' DEMANDS...



AS THE **BATMOBILE** SCREECHES TO A STOP OUTSIDE THE TV STUDIO...

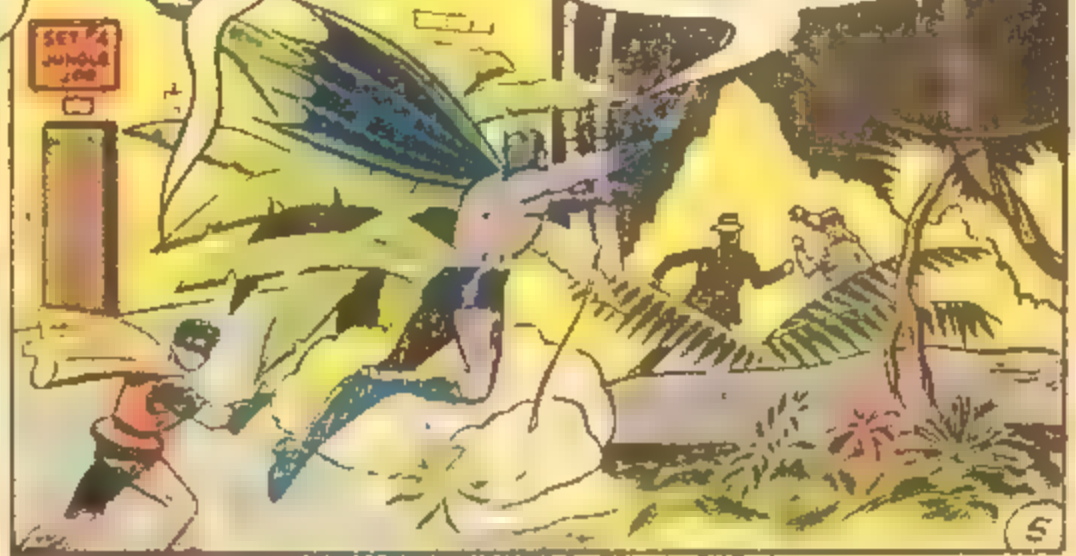
A MOMENT LATER, THE AGILE CRIME-FIGHTERS FIND THEMSELVES IN A MAZE OF JUNGLE...

LOOK, **BATMAN**-- THOSE ARMED THUGS MUST BE PART OF THE GANG!

WE'RE IN LUCK, **ROBIN**-- THEY'RE DARTING INTO A NEIGHBORING STUDIO! LET'S CATCH THEM-- THEY'LL BE TWO LESS WE'LL HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT!

WHY... THIS IS THE SET FOR THE "JUNGLE JOE" TV ADVENTURE SHOW, **BATMAN**!

RIGHT, **ROBIN**! AND THERE'S OUR PREY DEAD AHEAD! I'LL TAKE THE AIR ROUTE-- YOU STALK THEM FROM BELOW!





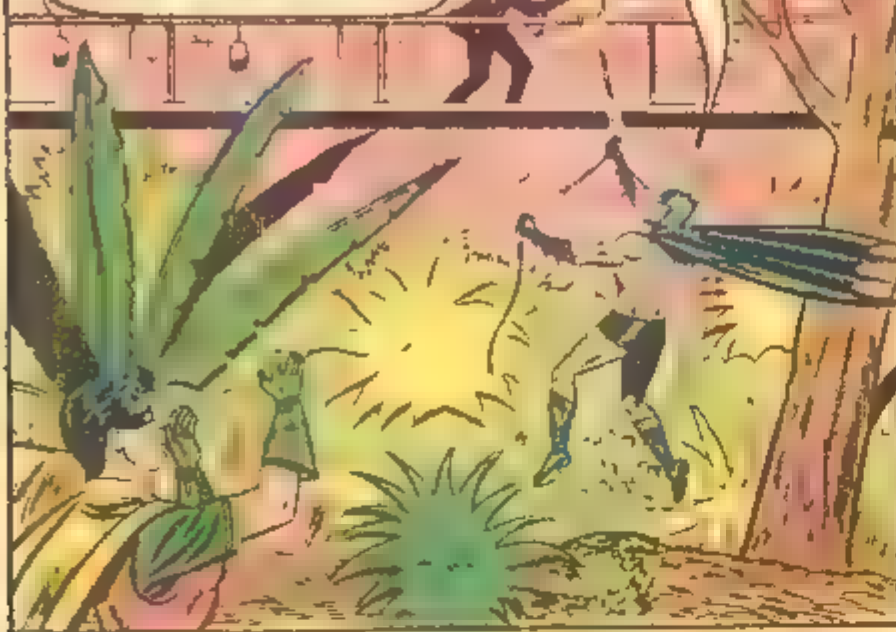
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BUT AS THE ALERT **BATMAN** HURTTLES THROUGH THE AIR...

BATMAN-- WATCH OUT! THEY'RE CUTTING THAT VINE YOU'RE ON!

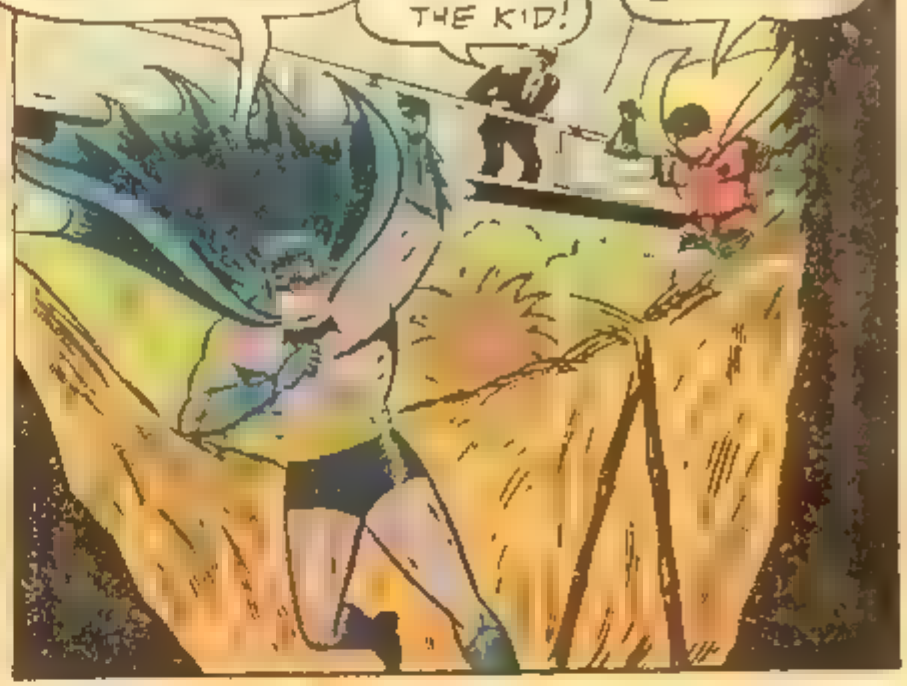
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GREAT THUNDER-- I'M HURTLING INTO AN ANIMAL TRAP BUILT ON STAGE!

HA HA, HA. THAT CAGES **BATMAN**! NOW FOR THE KID!

I'LL... BE RIGHT WITH YOU, **BATMAN**!



BUT IN HIS EAGERNESS TO SAVE HIS FRIEND **ROBIN** FALLS TO OBSERVE ANOTHER CONCEALED TRAP AWAITING HIM...

ROBIN! THEY'VE SNARED YOU, TOO!

LET'S TIE THESE CHARACTERS AND BRING 'EM TO THE OTHER STUDIO! BURNS SAID THEY'D MAKE A COUPLE GOOD HOSTAGES FOR KIRK!



SHORTLY, AS **MUGGSY BURNS** CONFRONTS THE PRISONERS, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN**, ON THE STUDIO SET...

I'D LIKE TO TAKE CARE OF YOU AND YOUR PAL, **BATMAN**! BUT KIRK IS PAYING US A LOT OF LOOT TO PULL OFF THIS RESCUE AND SMUGGLE HIM OUT OF THE COUNTRY!

THIS IS MADNESS, BURNS! THERE'S STILL TIME TO TURN BACK-- I'M SURE THE GOVERNOR WILL GIVE YOU EVERY CONSIDERATION!



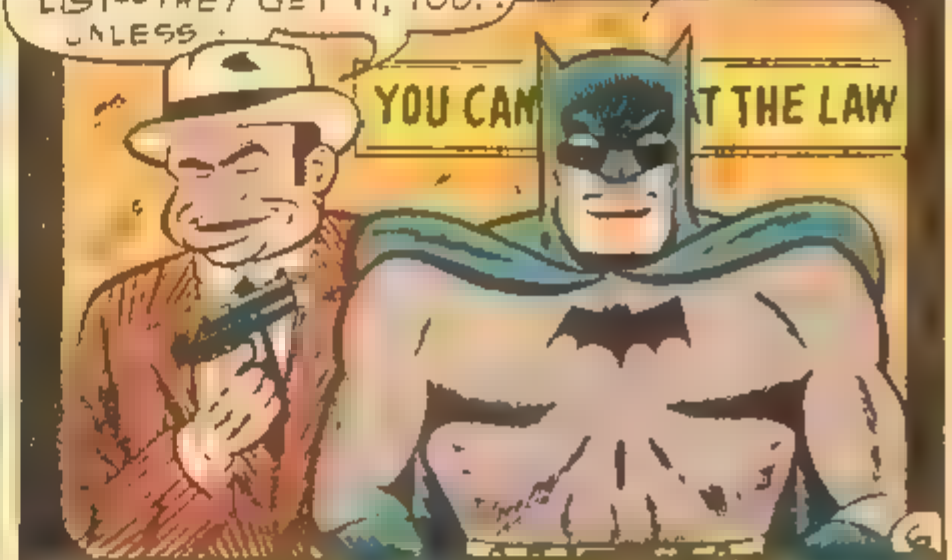
WE'RE BOTH GONNA HAVE WORDS WITH THE GOVERNOR, **BATMAN**-- BUT ON ANOTHER SUBJECT! SMILE-- YOU'RE "ON-CAMERA"!

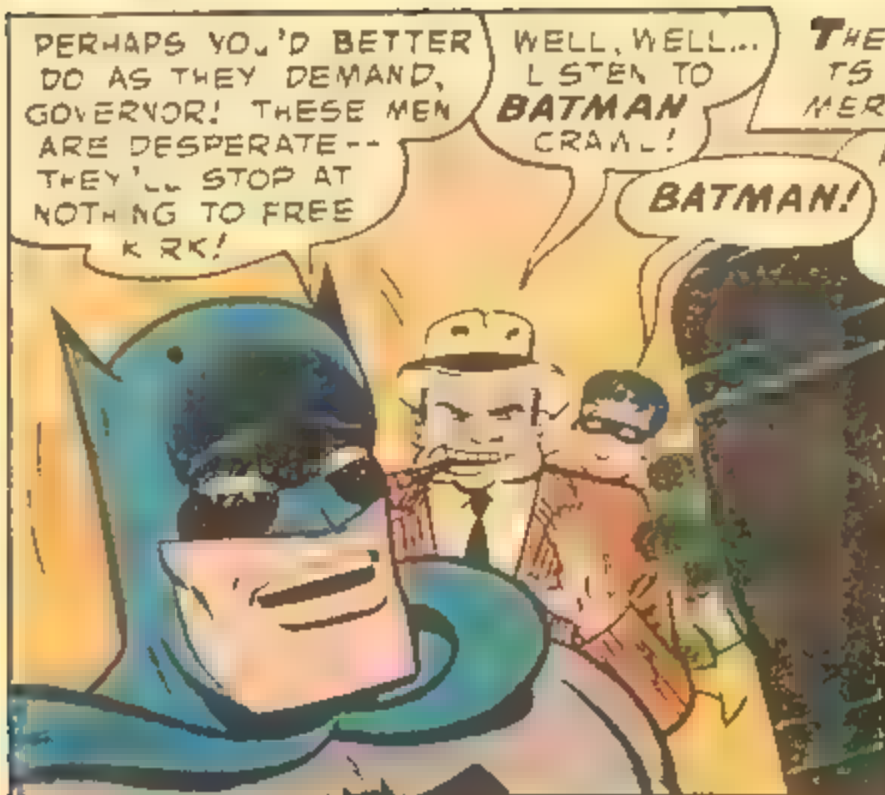
LOOK--THEY'VE CAPTURED **BATMAN**! WE'RE SUNK-- HE WAS OUR LAST CHANCE!

THEN, AS **BURNS** STEPS BEFORE THE CAMERA

HEY, GOVERNOR-- HERE'S **BATMAN**! HE AND THE KID, **ROBIN**, ARE TWO MORE HOSTAGES ON OUR LIST--THEY GET IT, TOO... UNLESS...

W-WAIT! I HAVE... SOMETHING TO SAY.





PERHAPS YOU'D BETTER DO AS THEY DEMAND, GOVERNOR! THESE MEN ARE DESPERATE-- THEY'LL STOP AT NOTHING TO FREE KRK!

WELL, WELL... LISTEN TO BATMAN CRAWL!

BATMAN!

THE NATION-WIDE AUDIENCE CAN SCARCELY BELIEVE ITS SENSES AS THEY HEAR BATMAN'S PLEA FOR MERCY...

PLEASE... I'M ASKING YOU TO RELEASE KRK GOVERNOR! THERE... SN'T MUCH MORE TIME!

BATMAN... COWERING FOR HIS LIFE BEFORE MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO RESPECT HIM! THIS IS... TERRIBLE!



AS BATMAN'S SHOCKING WORDS REACH THE GOVERNOR IN HIS MANSION, AN EMERGENCY MEETING IS HELD...

I NEVER WOULD HAVE BELIEVED THIS OF BATMAN! BUT... HE'S MADE THE REQUEST! I THINK WE OWE HIM THAT MUCH-- I'M ORDERING KRK'S RELEASE!

YES... I SUPPOSE WE HAVE NO OTHER CHOICE!

THUS DOES ONE OF THE MOST FANTASTIC INCIDENTS IN THE ANNALS OF LAW AND ORDER OCCUR AS MARTY KRK STEPS FROM HIS CELL IN THE DEATH HOUSE.. A FREE MAN...

HA, HA... SO LONG, WARDEN! AND REMEMBER--NO TRICKS! IF I FIND OUT I'M BEING TALED, THOSE HOSTAGES GET IT!



AH...THERE'S MY LIMOUSINE-- READY AND WAITING!

A SKUNK LIKE THAT-- GETTING AWAY WITH MURDER!

YES-- THANKS TO BATMAN!

MEANWHILE, BACK AT THE TV STUDIO

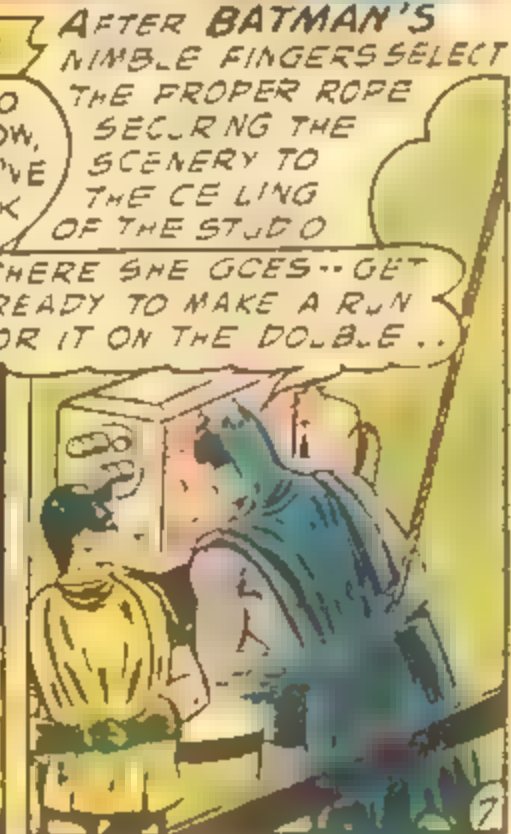
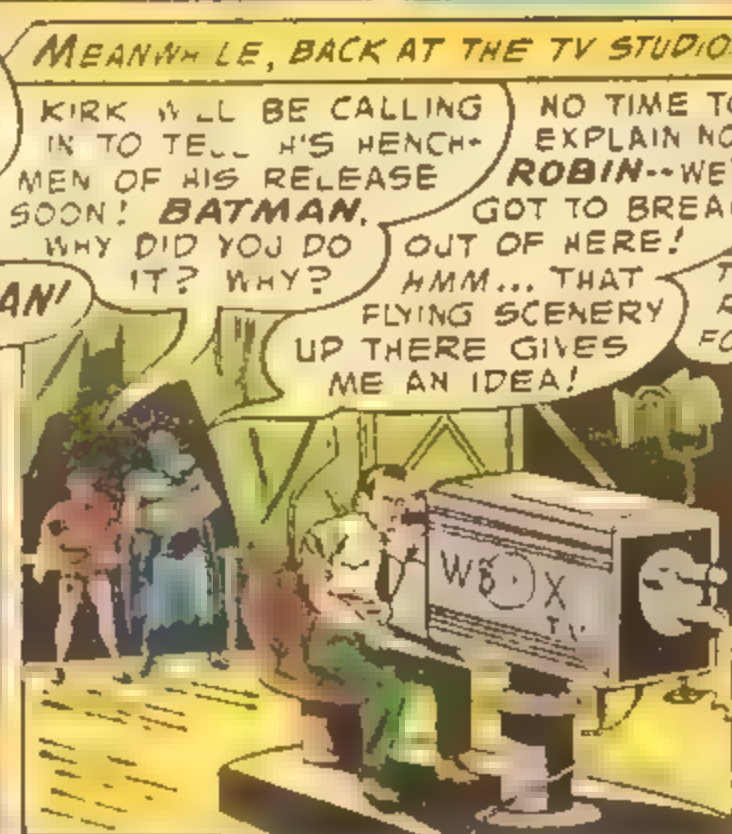
KIRK WILL BE CALLING IN TO TELL HIS HENCHMEN OF HIS RELEASE SOON! BATMAN, WHY DID YOU DO IT? WHY?

NO TIME TO EXPLAIN NOW, ROBIN--WE'VE GOT TO BREAK OUT OF HERE!

HMM... THAT FLYING SCENERY UP THERE GIVES ME AN IDEA!

AFTER BATMAN'S NIMBLE FINGERS SELECT THE PROPER ROPE SECURING THE SCENERY TO THE CEILING OF THE STUDIO

THERE SHE GOES-- GET READY TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT ON THE DOUBLE..



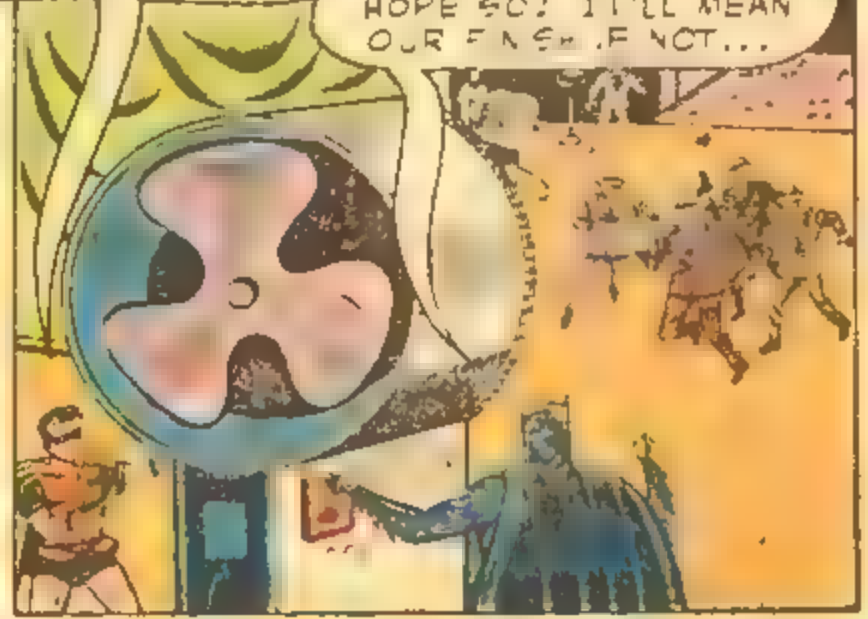
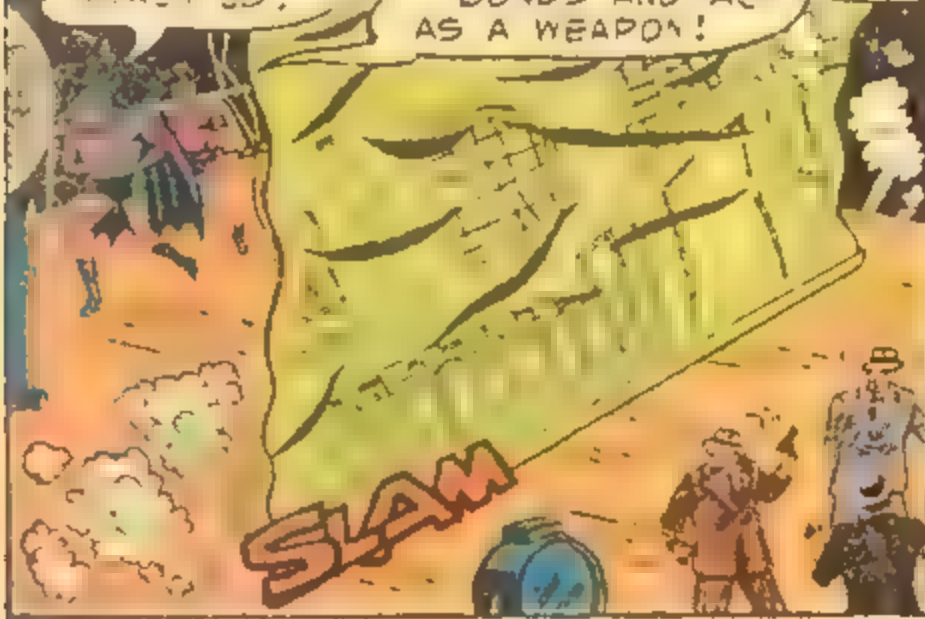
HURRY, **ROBIN**--WE'VE GOT TO GET THAT WIND MACHINE IN OPERATION BEFORE BURNS AND HIS BOYS REACH US!

I'M CATCHING ON, **BATMAN**! THE WIND MACHINE WILL SERVE US TWO-FOLD--IT WILL CUT OUR BONDS AND ACT AS A WEAPON!

AFTER THE GREAT BLADES OF THE MACHINE SLASH THROUGH THE FAMED D.D.'S BONDS...

HERE THEY COME-- WITH GUNS BLAZING!

THIS WALL OF WIND POWER SHOULD STOP THEM, **ROBIN**--LET'S HOPE SO! IT'LL MEAN OUR FINEST HOUR...



AS BURNS AND HIS MEN HIT THE GREAT GUSH OF WIND...

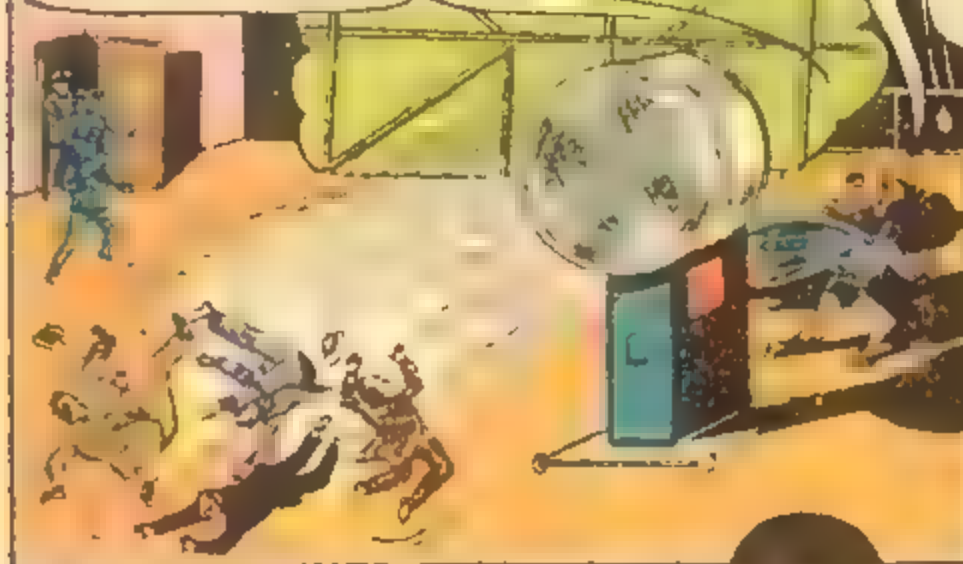
THAT D.D. T-- THE POLICE ARE SEIZING THE GANG! **BATMAN**--WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

C'MON, **ROBIN**--WE'VE GOT A SURPRISE DATE WITH MARTY KIRK!

LATER THAT NIGHT **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** ATTACK A SHADOWY FIGURE IN THE NEPTUNE STORAGE WAREHOUSE...

B-BATMAN! HOW DID YOU FALL TO MY GIMMICK?

I CAUGHT ON TONIGHT WHEN I WENT BACK TO THE SCENE OF YOUR CAPTURE! IT WAS THE NOTICE THAT DR. WRIGHT WAS GOING TO EUROPE ON VACATION!



I'M REALLY IN THE DARK--WHAT'S THIS ABOUT, **BATMAN**?

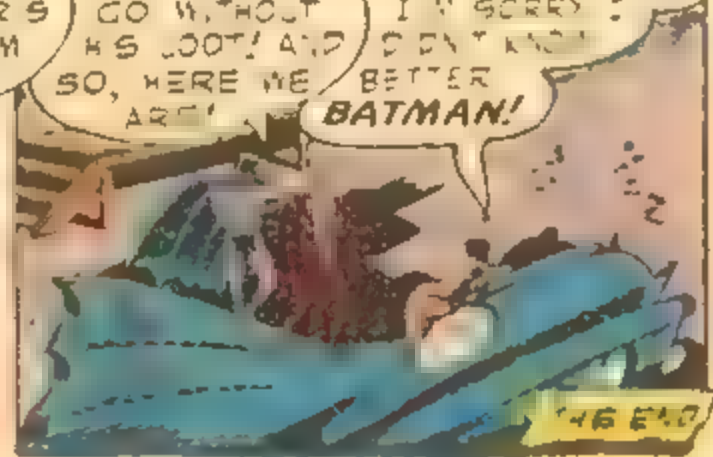
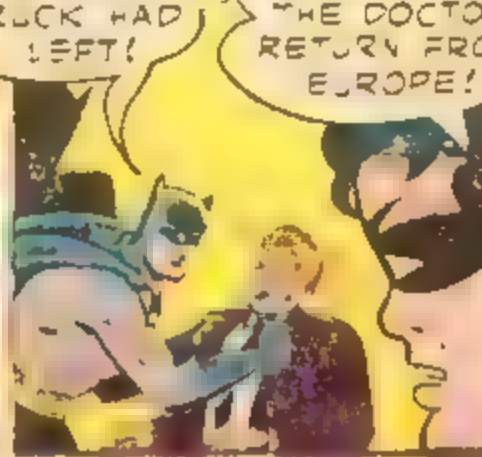
KIRK SNATCHED HIS BLACK BAG WITH DR. WRIGHT'S BAG WHICH WAS IN A STORAGE TRUCK THAT EVENING! YOU SEE BOTH BAGS LOOKED ALIKE

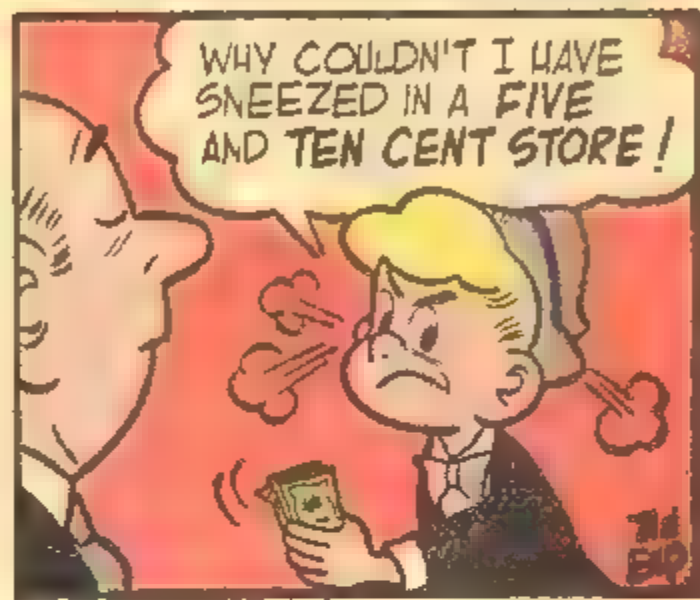
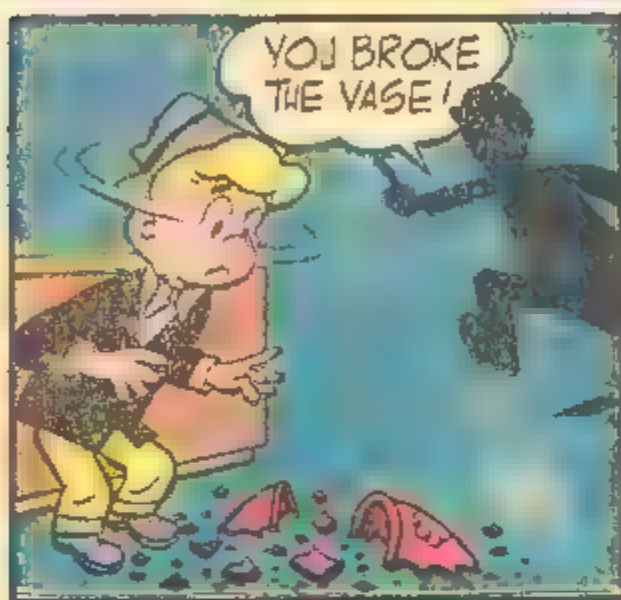
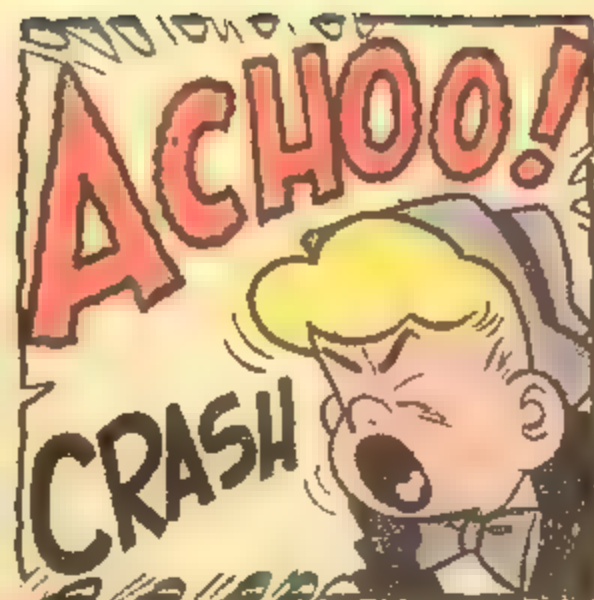
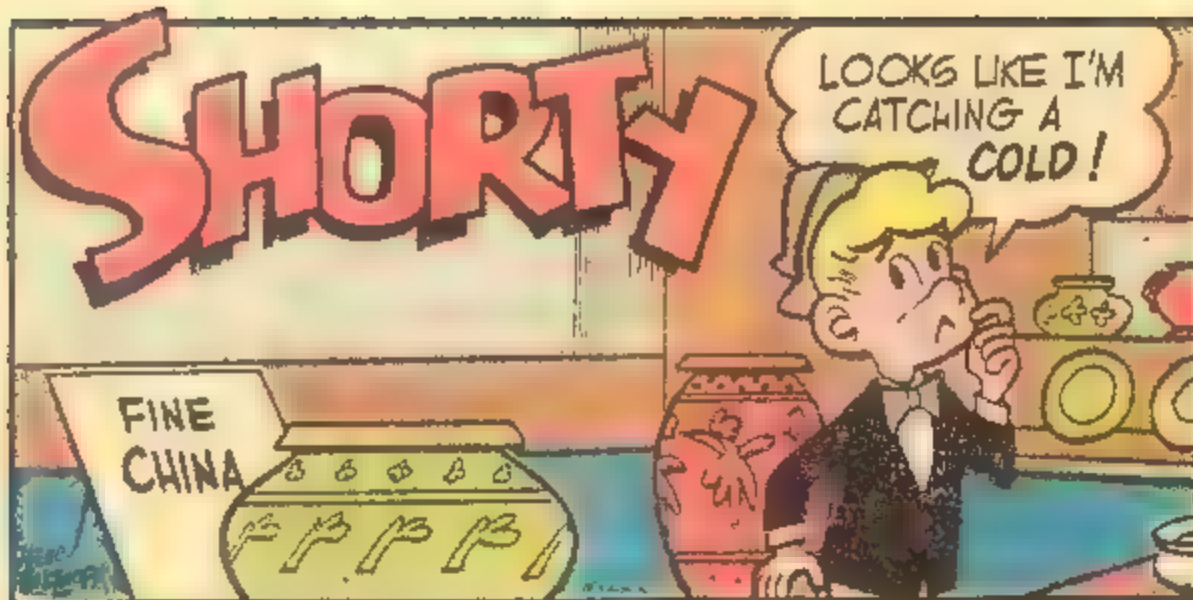
...BUT THE DOCTOR'S BAG WAS EMPTY-- THE ONE HE THOUGHT WAS KIRK'S! LATER WE COULDN'T FIND THE MONEY BAG BECAUSE THE STORAGE TRUCK HAD LEFT!

I GET IT KIRK HAD FIGURED THE MONEY BAG WOULD BE SAFE HERE IN THE WAREHOUSE UNTIL THE DOCTOR'S RETURN FROM EUROPE!

RIGHT **ROBIN!** WHEN BURNS TOLD ME KIRK INTENDED TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY I REALIZED THE CRIMINAL WOULDN'T GO WITHOUT HIS LOOT! AND SO, HERE WE ARE!

AND YOU PRETENDED TO BE A COWARD IN FRONT OF THE TV CAMERA BECAUSE YOU KNEW YOU COULD GET YOUR HANDS ON KIRK HERE. GOSH I'M SORRY! BETTER **BATMAN!**





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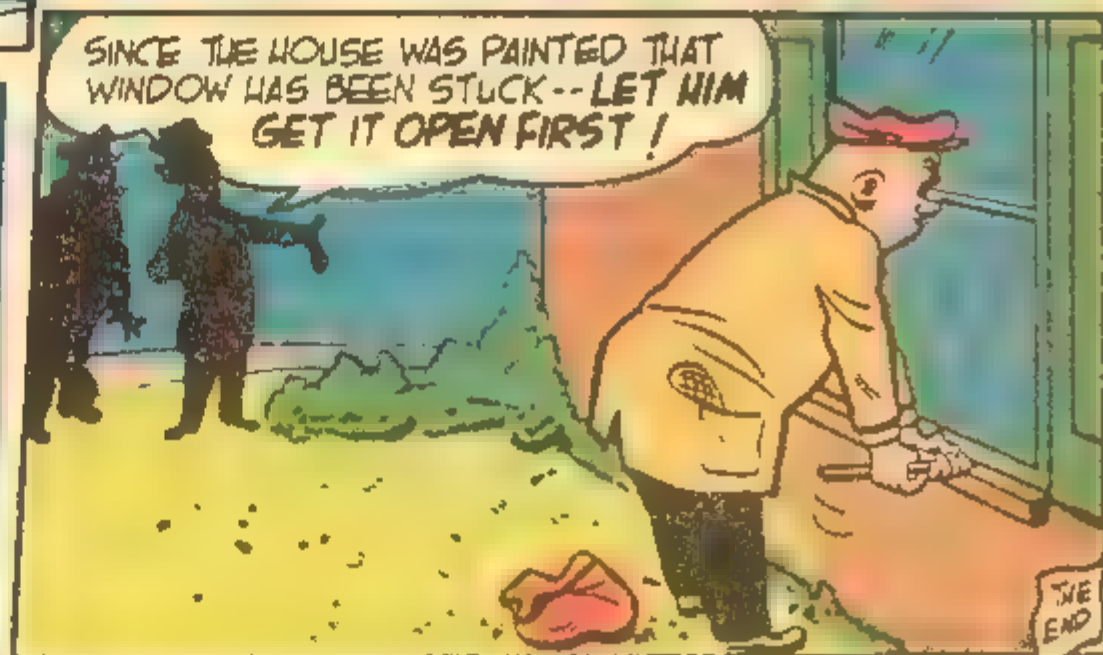
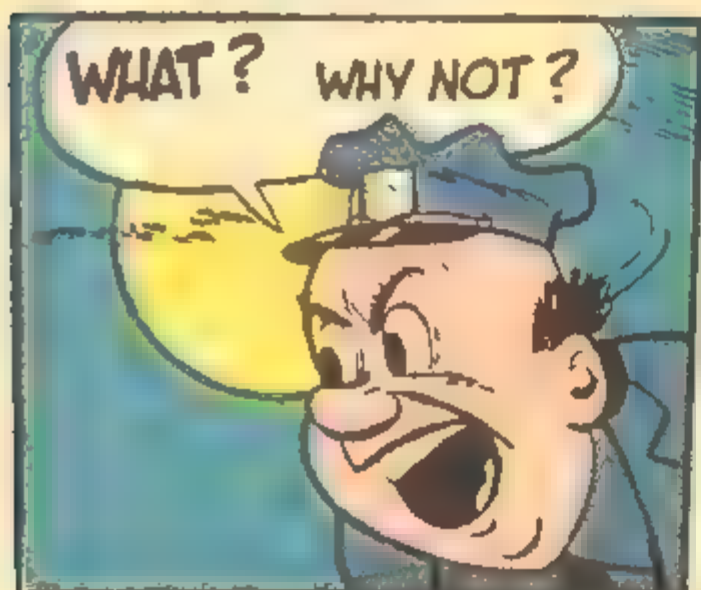
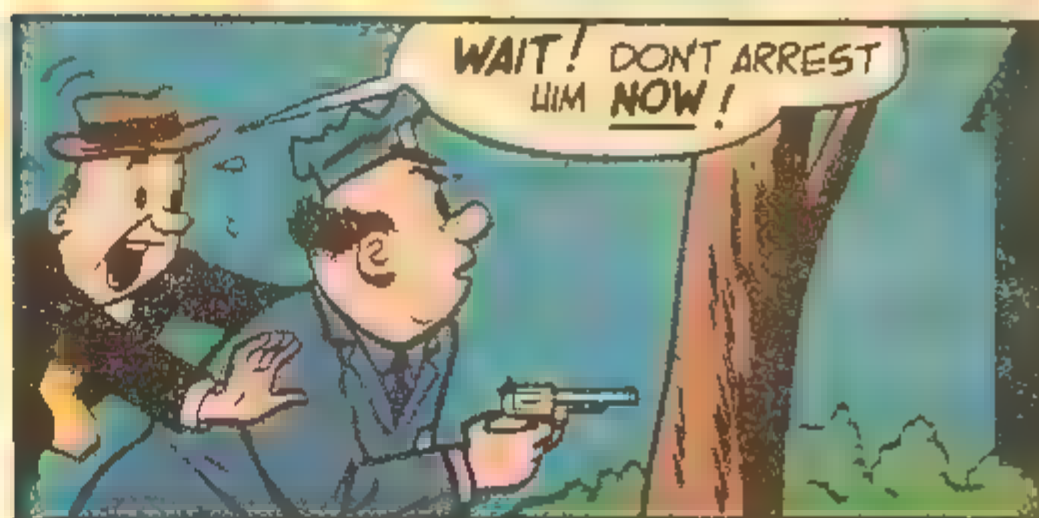
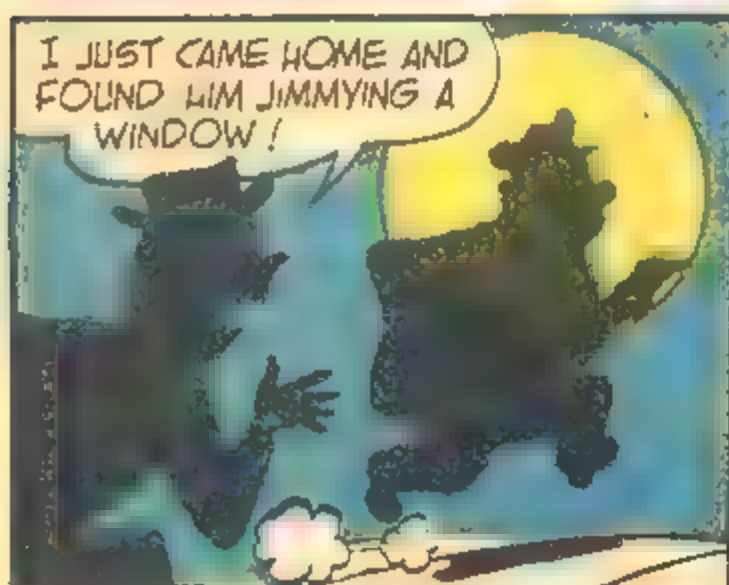
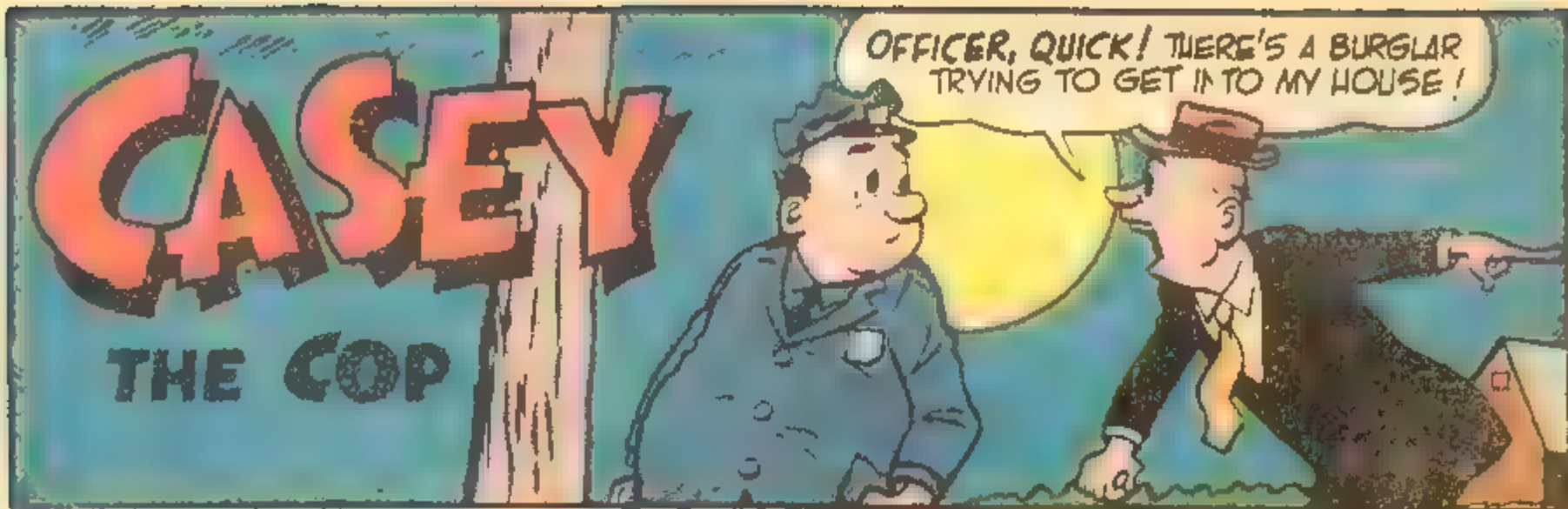
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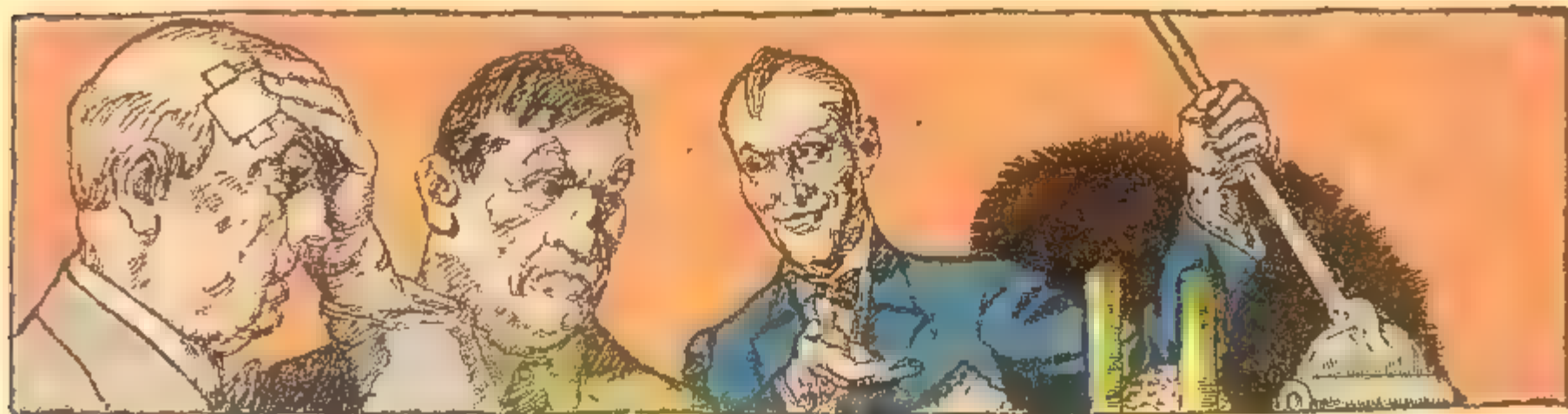
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Foolishly, the manufacturer, instead of calling out for help, threw himself bodily on the intruder. The two men grappled in the dark for a moment until the robber, seeing his chance, brought the end of the flashlight down on his opponent's head. The manufacturer slowly sank to the floor.

Then the robber, hearing footsteps on the hall staircase, swiftly emptied the safe of its valuables and left through the rear window by means of which he had entered.

Hastily discarding the black mask that had shielded his face, the thief quickly dropped the loot in the thick bushes. If he was picked up, the police would find nothing on him to connect him with the crime. He would soon have the chance to prove his theory.

The footsteps heard by the thief belonged to the butler who had been aroused by the sounds of the scuffle.

Instantly notifying the police, the butler then went to the side of his employer and helped the injured man to a nearby sofa.

In the meantime, a prowler car in the area, on receiving the alarm, spotted the thief about three blocks from the scene of the crime. And since he was the only figure about at this late hour, he was taken in for questioning.

An hour later, the manufacturer, taken to headquarters, failed to identify his assailant. And the flashlight, recovered from a bush in back of the house, was found to have been wiped clean of fingerprints.

"Looks like a perfect crime for—er—the one who did the job," sneered the confident crook.

"There's no such thing as a perfect crime," snapped the police officer in charge of the case. He added significantly, "And I hope to be able to prove it in an hour or so."

Shortly after, a tall, thin, angular-faced man in plainclothes entered the room at headquarters. Turning to the manufacturer who was seated next to the suspect, he asked:

"You say, you grappled with the un-

known man before he knocked you unconscious?"

"That's right," answered the injured man.

"Would you kindly remove your coat and let me have it?" And, turning to the suspect, he repeated the request.

The plainclothesman, actually a bio-chemist working for the police, took both coats into another room. He laid the coats—one brown, the other gray—on a table under a strong light. Then, removing a small vacuum cleaner from its case, he attached a dust collector to the machine and then began carefully vacuuming the front of the gray coat belonging to the victim. A few minutes of this, and he unscrewed the dust collector, substituting a fresh, clean one. The process was repeated with the front of the brown coat.

The dust collectors were then emptied. Each yielded the usual amount of dust, cloth fibers, and miscellaneous matter. The police-chemist then patiently examined both mounds of dirt under a microscope, grunting with satisfaction as he did so.

Lifting his head, he then asked for and was handed the flashlight. This time he used a tiny dust collector to probe into the ridge formed where the head of the flashlight is screwed on to the body of the instrument.

The dust obtained was also carefully scrutinized under the microscope.

At length, the examiner rose, nodded to the police officer in charge of the case, and went into a brief but thorough explanation of his findings. The police officer listened in silence, thanked the chemist, and took both coats back into the other room.

Handing each man back his coat, he turned to the suspect, and without at-

tempting to hide his satisfaction, grimly said:

"We've got you, mister—got you cold!"

But the robber was an old hand in the business and not easily ruffled.

"You can't kid me! From what I've heard, the real crook was masked and left no prints or clues that could pin him to that job. Now that you need someone to take the rap, you pick on me! Well, I'm clean and you know it!"

"You're not as clean as you think," said the lawman. He invited both men to follow him into the next room. Standing in front of the two piles of dust, he looked up and said:

"I can prove that you were the man who grappled with the man whose house you robbed. Take a look."

Three pairs of eyes riveted on the dust particles.

"Look for yourself," explained the police officer. "This is the pile of debris we got from the gray coat. It's mostly filled with gray fibers, as could be expected. But if you look closely, you'll also notice brown fibers—identical with the brown fibers of the other coat—*your* coat, you crook!"

"On the other hand, the brown coat yielded bits of gray fibers that exactly match the fibers of the gray coat. Obviously, your coats have come in contact with each other.

"And to clinch this case, we also vacuumed some of same brown fibers from that flashlight of yours!"

The crook stared, incoherent for a moment, at the small vacuum cleaner. "Y-you mean, I was trapped by a vacuum cleaner?" he gasped.

"You'd be surprised at the gadgets the police use to fight crime," smiled the police officer.

—Jack E. Miller

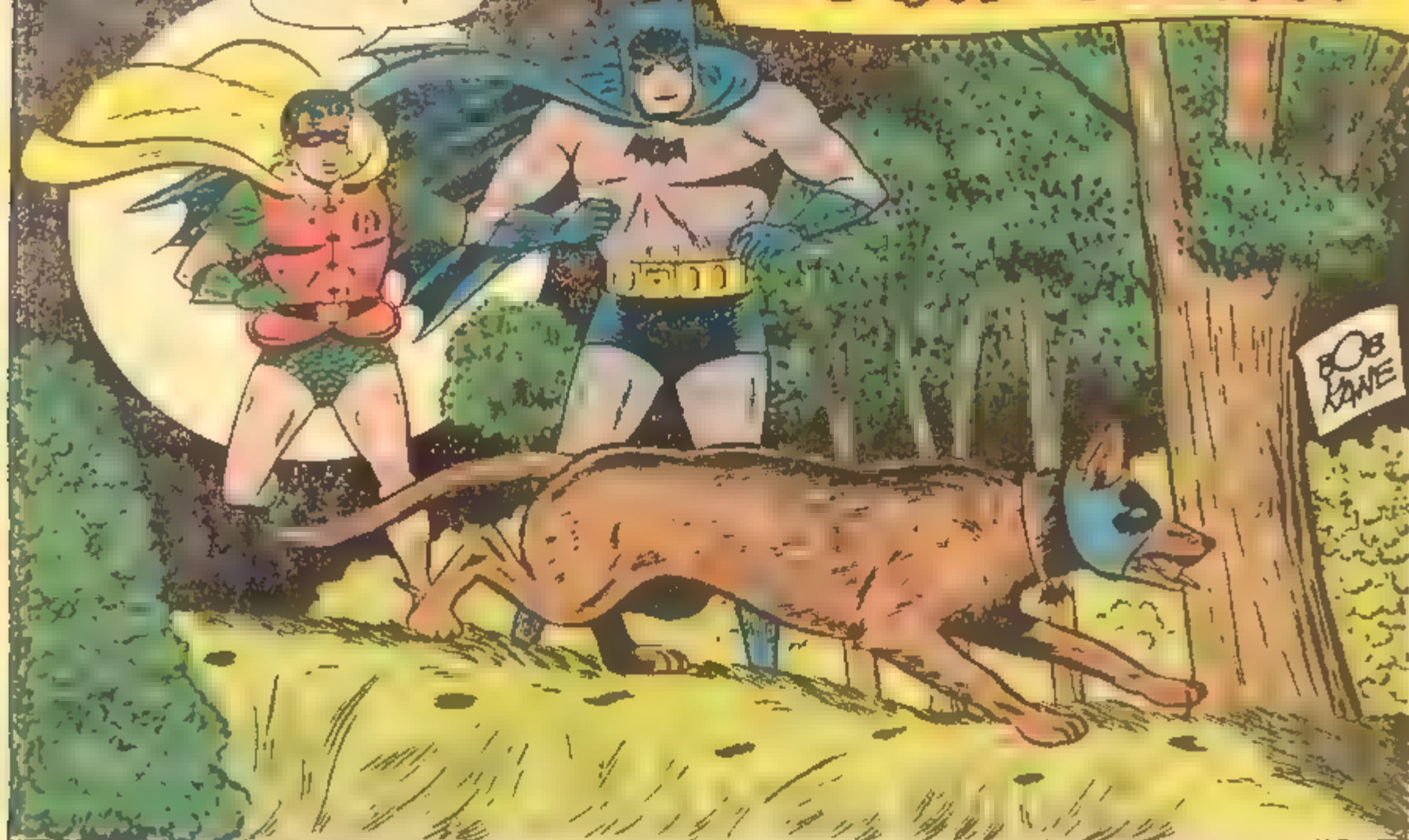
BATMAN

With
THE BOY WONDER

LOOK, ACE IS
FOLLOWING THE TRAIL
OF THAT THIEF-
DOG!

BATMAN AND ROBIN HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN THE TIME WHEN THEY HAD A LOYAL PARTNER IN THE FORM OF ACE, THE **BAT-HOUND!** NOW, WHEN A STRANGE AND SINISTER SCHEME STRIKES AT GOTHAM CITY, THE CAPED CRIME-BLSTERS CALL AGAIN ON THEIR LOYAL FOUR-FOOTED FRIEND! AND THE CLEVEREST OF ALL CANINE CROOK-CATCHERS IS ON THE TRAIL ONCE MORE IN...

"The Return of the BAT-HOUND!"



ONE NIGHT, OUTSIDE A GOTHAM CITY FACTORY...

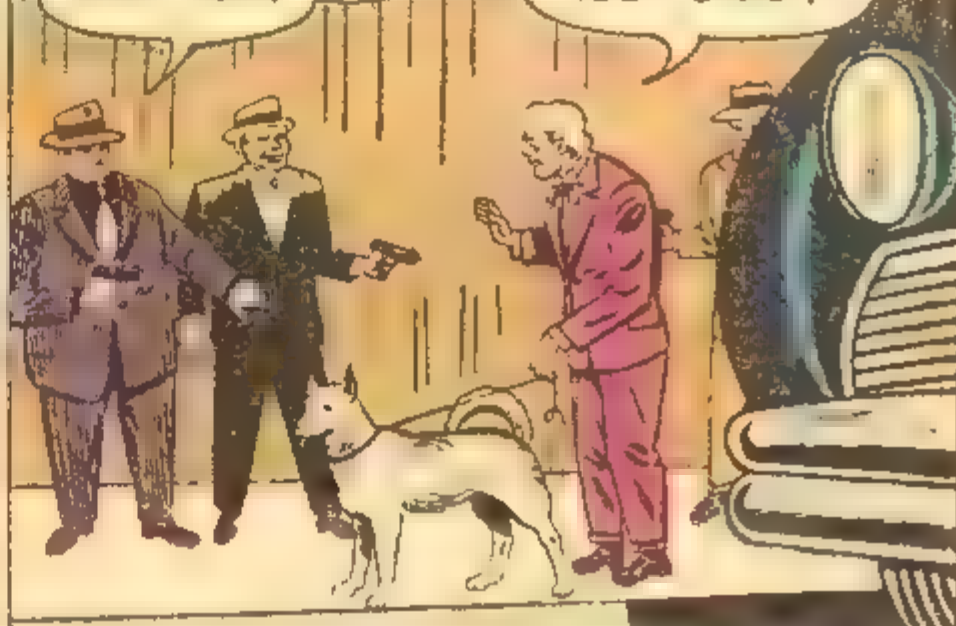
THIS PLACE USES PLENTY OF INDUSTRIAL DAMONDS FOR PHONOGRAPH NEEDLES! IT'LL BE A REAL WALK, IF WE CAN GET IN.

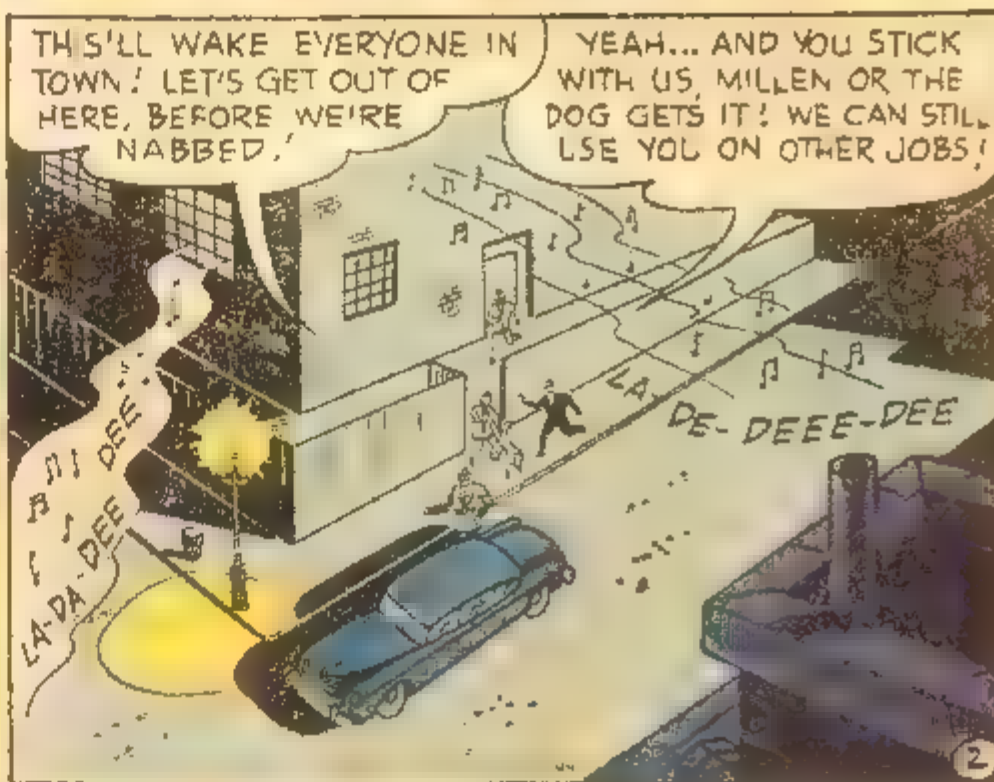
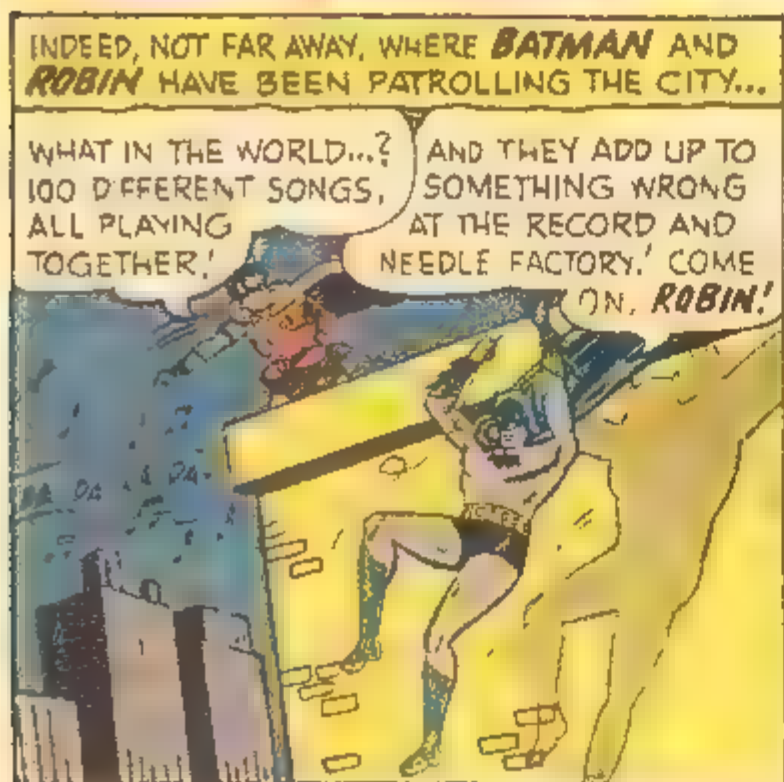
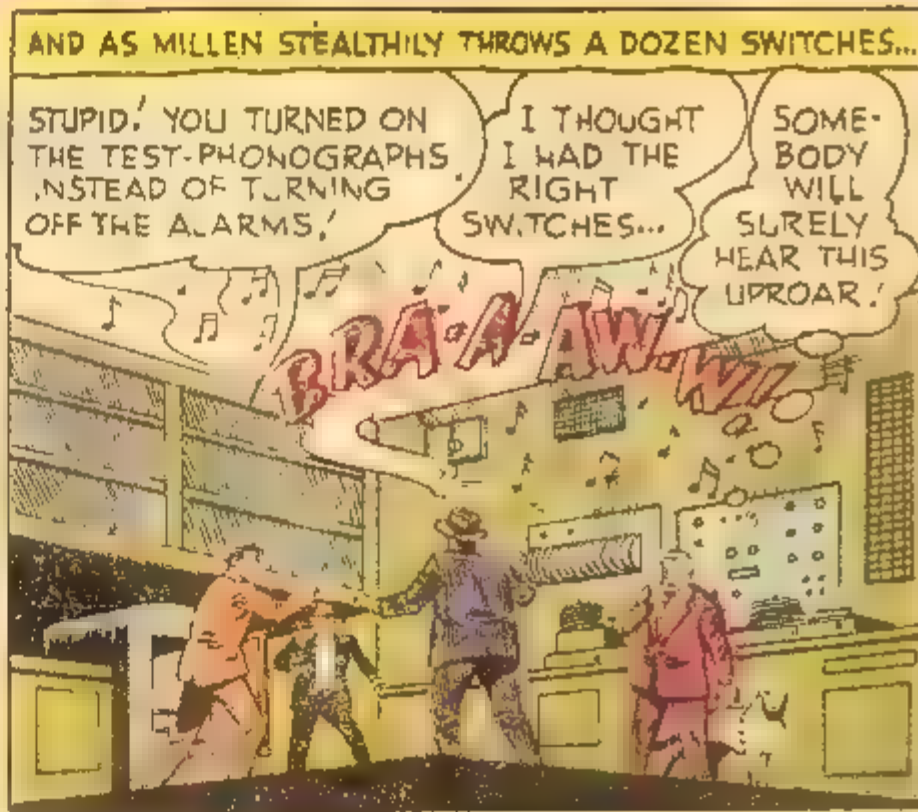
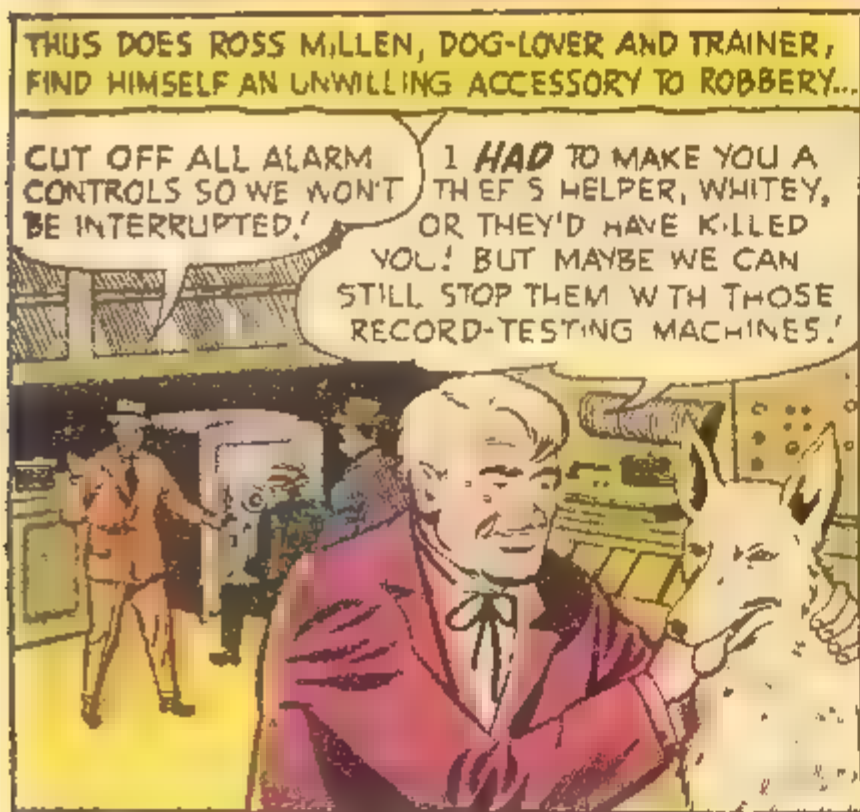
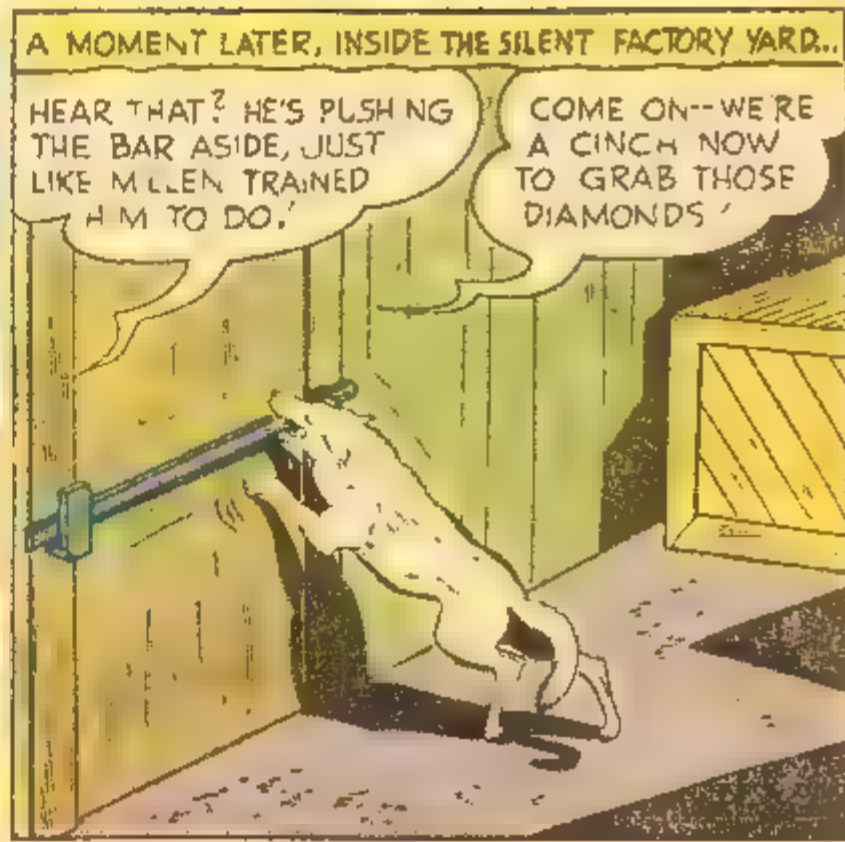
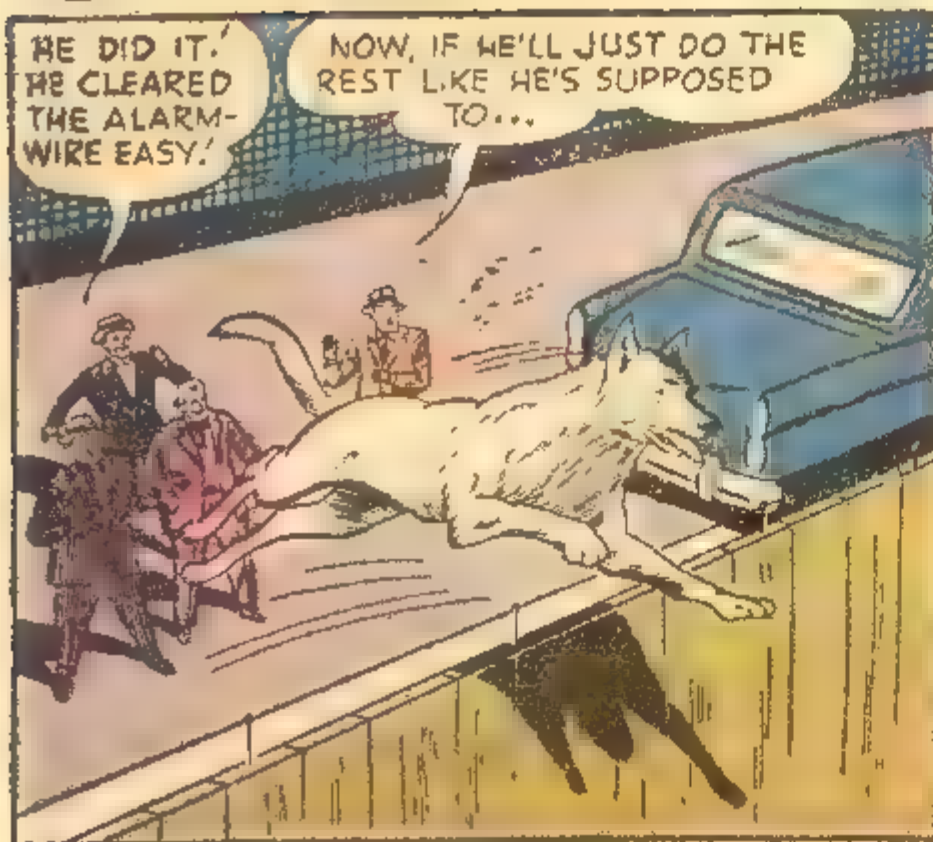
THE WAY WE GOT T PLANNED WE'LL GET IN WITHOUT TOUCHING OFF ANY ALARMS



ALL RIGHT, MILLEN... MAKE YOUR DOG DO HIS STUFF, OR WE'LL FIX HIM RIGHT NOW!

NO, DON'T HURT HIM! GO AHEAD, WHITEY... DO WHAT I TRAINED YOU TO DO!





AND WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO ARRIVES...

IT **WAS** A ROBBERY ATTEMPT--BLT THEY SOMEHOW STARTED ALL THE PHONOGRAPHS IN THERE AND HAD TO GET AWAY! I'LL TURN THEM OFF BEFORE THEY DEAFEN US!

HMM--THESE TRACKS IN THE DUST...

PRESENTLY, WHEN ALL IS SILENT AGAIN...

THESE ARE **PAWPRINTS**! APPARENTLY, THE CROOKS USED A HIGHLY-TRAINED DOG TO GET IN AND OPEN THIS BARRLED GATE FOR THEM!

THAT'S BAD... HUMAN CRIMINALS WE CAN TRACK DOWN--BUT WE WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO **START** WITH A DOG!

TO STOP THIS WE'LL NEED ABILITIES THAT NO HUMAN HAS! **ROBIN**, WE NEED THE **BAT-HOUND** TO HELP US!

OF COURSE. GOOD OLD ACE WOULD BE ABLE TO TRACK DOWN A CANE-CROOK FASTER THAN ANYONE! LET'S BORROW HIM FROM HIS OWNER RIGHT NOW

SHORTLY, AT A COTTAGE OUTSIDE GOTHAM CITY...

WE REMEMBER US, ALL RIGHT... HI, ACE!

REMEMBER HOW, AS BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON, WE FOUND HIM, STUNNED AND DROWNING--AND LEARNED THAT HIS OWNER, JOHN WILKER, WAS MISSING?

"BECAUSE HE'D BEEN SEEN WITH BRUCE WAYNE, AND COULD BE RECOGNIZED BY THE MARK ON HIS FOREHEAD, WE MADE HIM A MASK..."

NO ONE CAN RECOGNIZE HIM NOW, WITH THIS MASK ON!

AND HE CAN HELP US TRACK DOWN HIS MISSING MASTER.

SURE YOU CAN BORROW ACE AGAIN, **BATMAN**! YOU AND HE ONCE SAVED MY LIFE, AND I'M NOT FORGETTING IT!

I HAVE HIS MASK WITH US! COME ON, ACE -- YOU'RE GOING TO BE A FOUR-FOOTED DETECTIVE AGAIN!

AND SOON, ANOTHER GRIM SHAPE JOINS THE SEARCH FOR THE DIAMOND THIEVES...

THIS IS WHERE THEY GOT INTO THEIR CAR-- HE CAN'T FOLLOW THE TRAIL ANY FURTHER! BUT FROM NOW ON, HE'LL REMEMBER THE SCENT OF THOSE CROOKS AND THE R DOG!

FEW ANIMALS ARE AS HIGHLY TRAINED AS THAT THIEF-DOG! MUST BE...WE'LL CHECK ON ALL TRAINERS WHO HAVE SUCH DOGS!

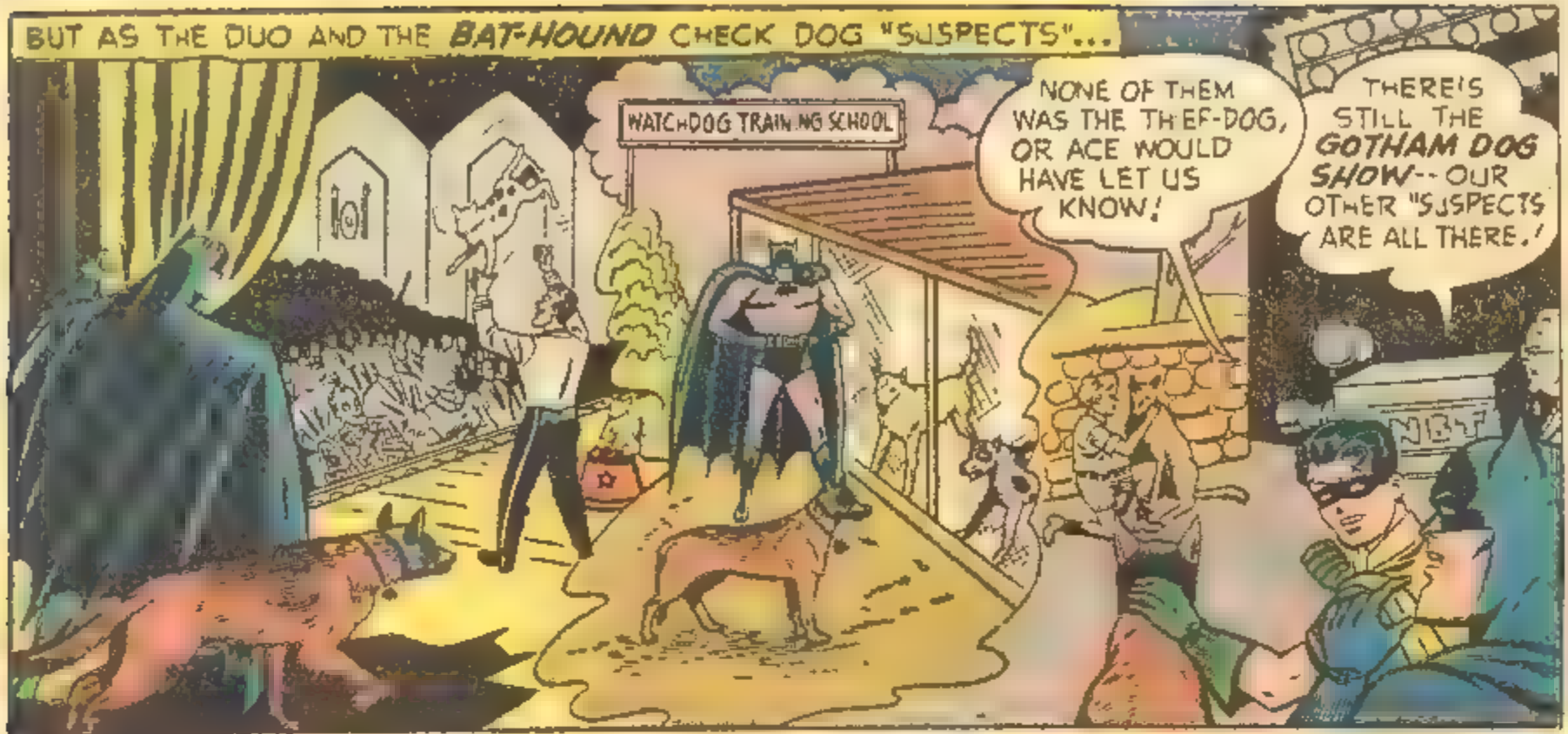
GRR-R-R-R! ③



BATMAN



BUT AS THE DUO AND THE **BAT-HOUND** CHECK DOG "SUSPECTS"...



NONE OF THEM WAS THE THIEF-DOG, OR ACE WOULD HAVE LET US KNOW!

THERE'S STILL THE **GOTHAM DOG SHOW**-- OUR OTHER "SUSPECTS" ARE ALL THERE!

FOR HIS OWN PURPOSES, **BATMAN** ENTERS A MASKED CANINE WONDER IN THE BIG DOG DISPLAY...

I'M NOT CONTESTING FOR THE PRIZE--THIS IS JUST AN EXHIBITION!

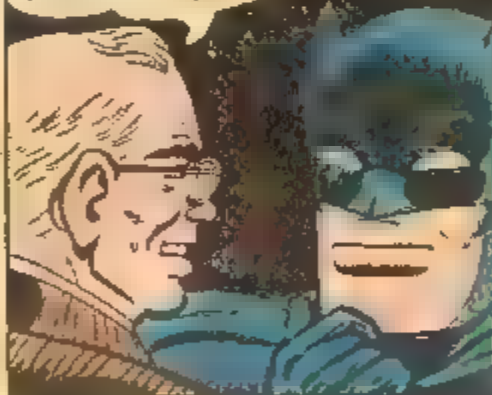
IT'S LUCKY FOR US YOU'RE **NOT** AFTER THE PRIZE...YOUR **BAT-HOUND** IS REALLY TOPS!

NONE OF THESE DOGS IS THE ONE WE'RE AFTER... **BAT-HOUND** WOULD HAVE SCENTED HIM!



ROSS MILLEN'S WHITEY IS THE ONLY DOG I KNOW OF WHO COULD GIVE HIM COMPETITION! FUNNY... MILLEN MEANT TO ENTER HIM IN THIS CONTEST, BUT DIDN'T SHOW UP.

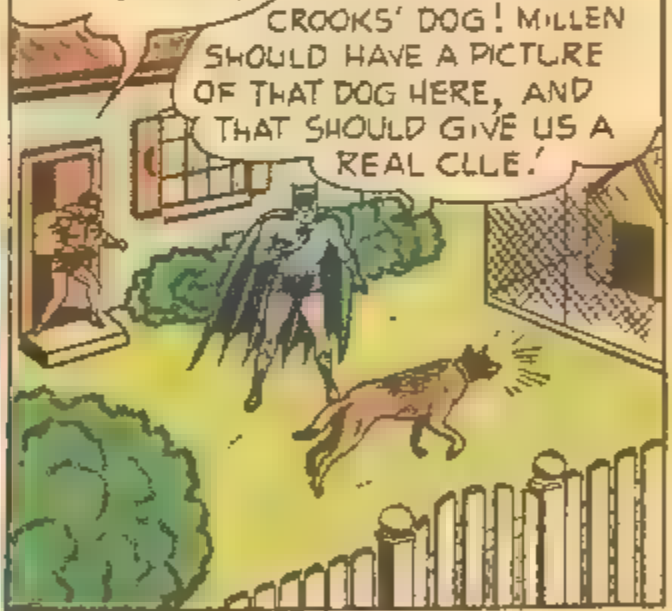
THAT'S INTERESTING INDEED! WE'LL LOOK UP THIS MILLEN AND HIS DOG!



A WHILE LATER, AT ROSS MILLEN'S DESERTED HOME...

THERE'S NOBODY HERE AT ALL!

BUT LOOK AT **BAT-HOUND**... HE'S GOT THE SCENT OF THE CROOKS' DOG! MILLEN SHOULD HAVE A PICTURE OF THAT DOG HERE, AND THAT SHOULD GIVE US A REAL CLUE!



BUT JUST AS THEY FIND A PHOTOGRAPH...

LOOK...THE **BAT-SIGNAL**! REMEMBER HOW **BAT-HOUND** LEARNED TO ANSWER IT BEFORE?

WE'LL GET TO HEAD-QUARTERS FASTER IN THE **BATMOBILE**, ACE!



AND IN THE OFFICE OF COMMISSIONER GORDON, SOON AFTERWARD...

BATMAN, I'VE JUST LEARNED ABOUT THAT TRAINED-DOG ROBBERY ATTEMPT! WE MUST STOP THAT RACKET--THERE'S NO ORDINARY DEFENSE AGAINST IT!

WE'VE ALREADY GOT A LEAD TO THE THIEF-DOG, COMMISSIONER... I'D SUGGEST YOU BROADCAST THIS PICTURE OF HIM AT ONCE!





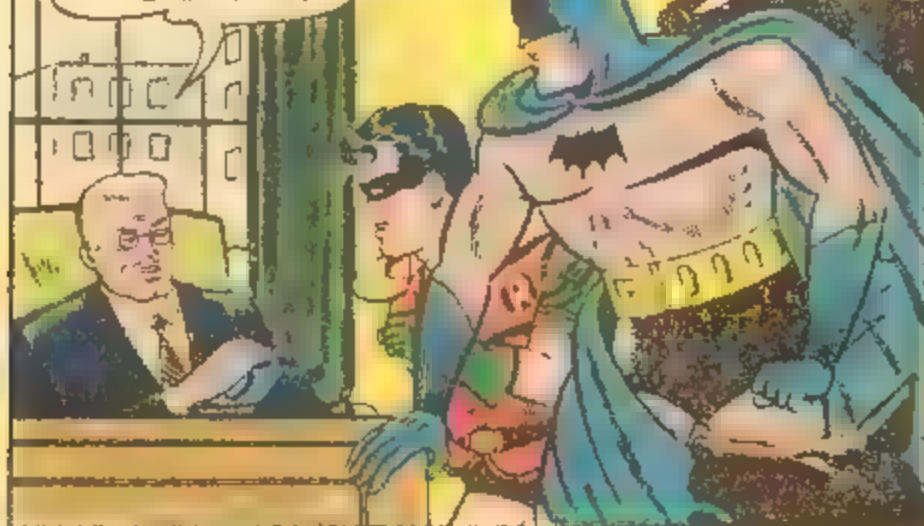
BATMAN



IT ISN'T LONG BEFORE **BATMAN'S** LEAD PAYS OFF...

A PATROLMAN SAW A DOG LIKE THAT IN A CAR WITH SOME MEN, IN THE **WEST HILLS** SUBURB. BUT THAT'S A BIG AREA TO SEARCH!

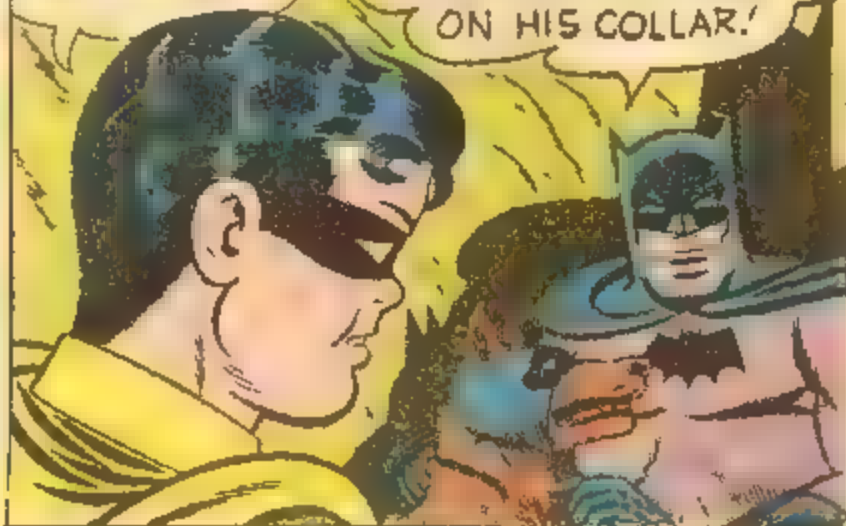
WITH **BAT-HOUND** HELPING WE MAY BE ABLE TO SEARCH IT FASTER THAN YOU THINK!



FIRST, A QUICK TRIP TO THE HIDDEN **BAT-CAVE**, FOR A SPECIAL PIECE OF EQUIPMENT...

YOU THINK THAT IF THEY'RE HIDING OUT IN THAT SECTION, ACE CAN FIND THEIR TRAIL?

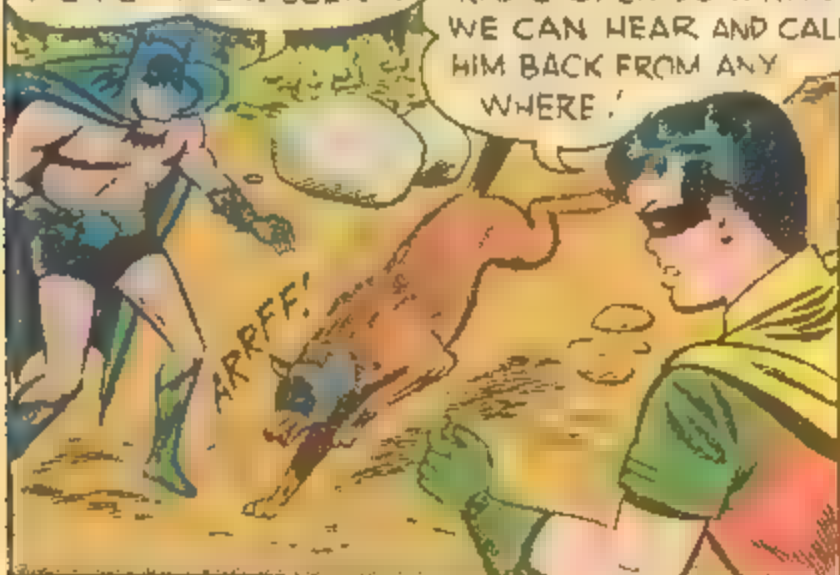
HE CAN, IF ANYONE CAN! AND IN ORDER TO CALL ACE BACK IF WE HAVE TO, I'M PUTTING THIS TINY TWO-WAY RADIO ON HIS COLLAR!



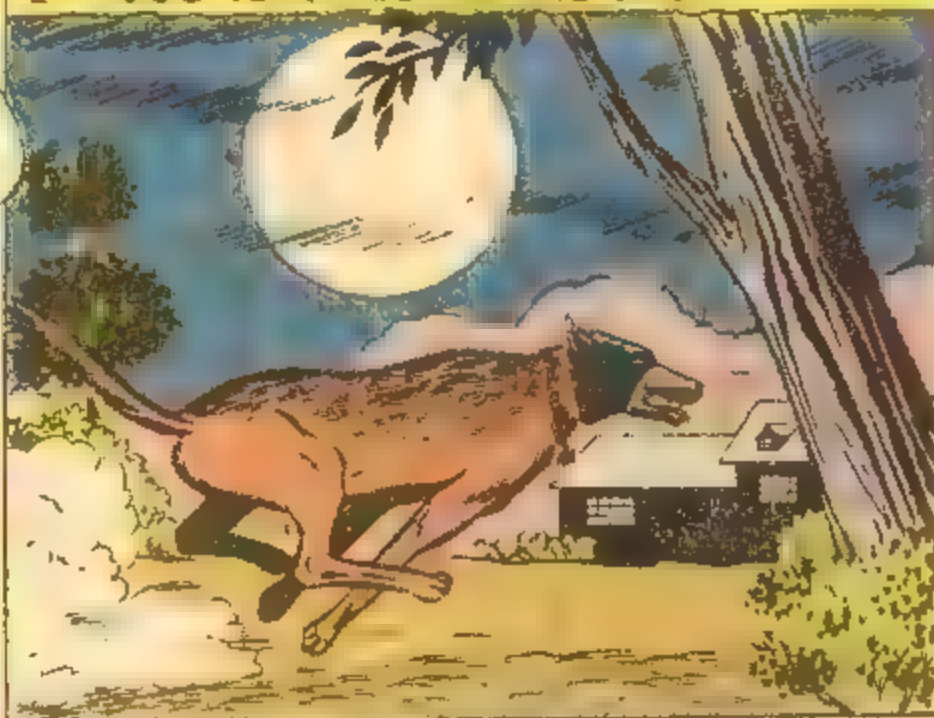
SO INTO THE NIGHT GOES A FOUR-FOOTED DETECTIVE ON AN URGENT QUEST...

SEARCH, ACE--QUARTER THE REGION UNTIL YOU PICK UP THE R SCENT!

HE UNDERSTANDS-- AND WITH THE TWO-WAY RADIO OPEN BOTH WAYS WE CAN HEAR AND CALL HIM BACK FROM ANY WHERE!



SWIFTER THAN THE **BATMOBILE** ITSELF, THE GREAT LAW-DOG SEARCHES FOR THE SCENT...



AND AFTER MILES OF TIRELESS TRAVEL, THE **BAT-HOUND** PICKS UP A TRAIL THAT NO HUMAN LAWMAN COULD DETECT.

MILES AWAY, **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** LISTEN ALERTLY BY THE MAGIC OF TWO-WAY RADIO...

THAT GROWL-- HE ALWAYS DOES THAT WHEN HE'S STRUCK A TRAIL! IF WE CALL HIM BACK NOW HE CAN LEAD US TO THE PLACE!

NO, WAIT-- I HEAR VOICES, THROUGH ACE'S COLLAR RADIO... HE MUST HAVE CREPT UP ON THEM!



THE **BAT-HOUND** HAS INDEED STEALTHILY FOLLOWED THE SCENT TO THE NEARBY HOUSE...

KEEP THAT DOG QUIET, MILLER!

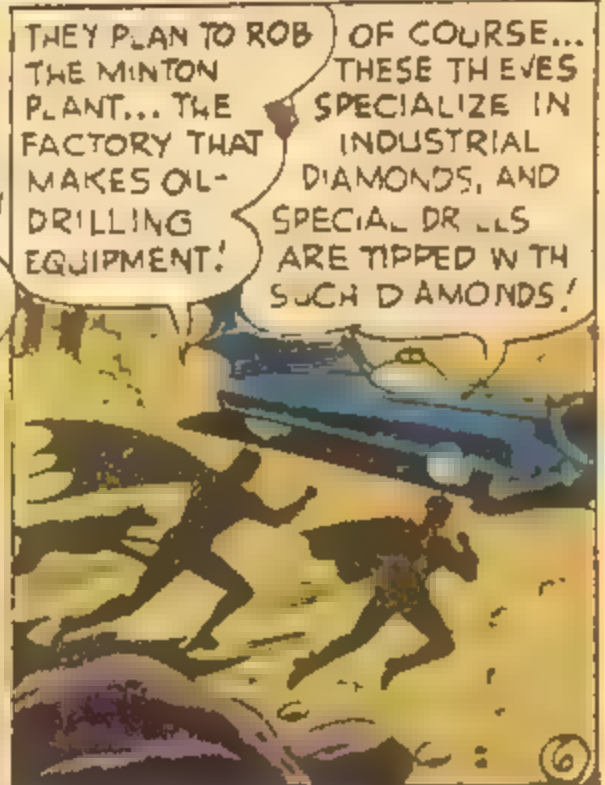
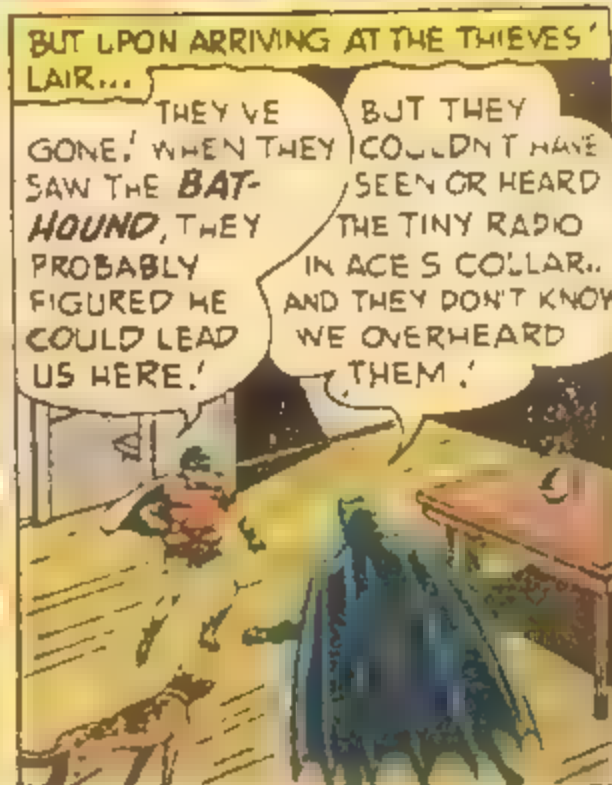
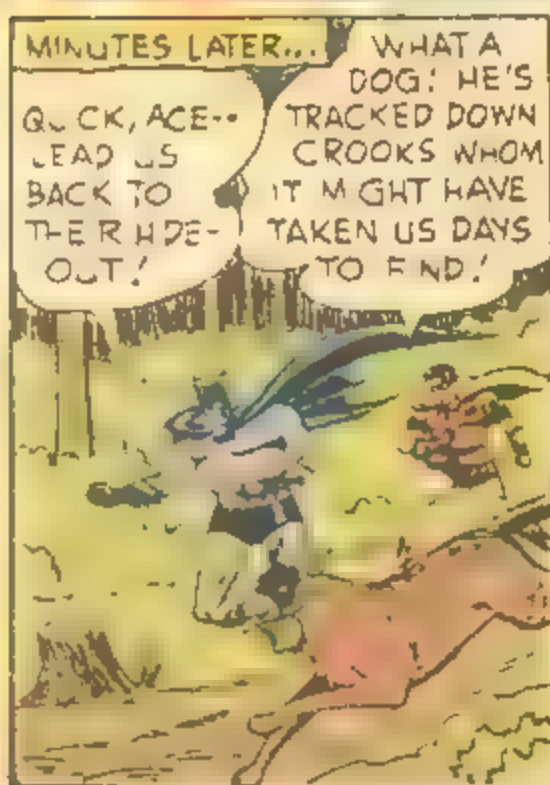
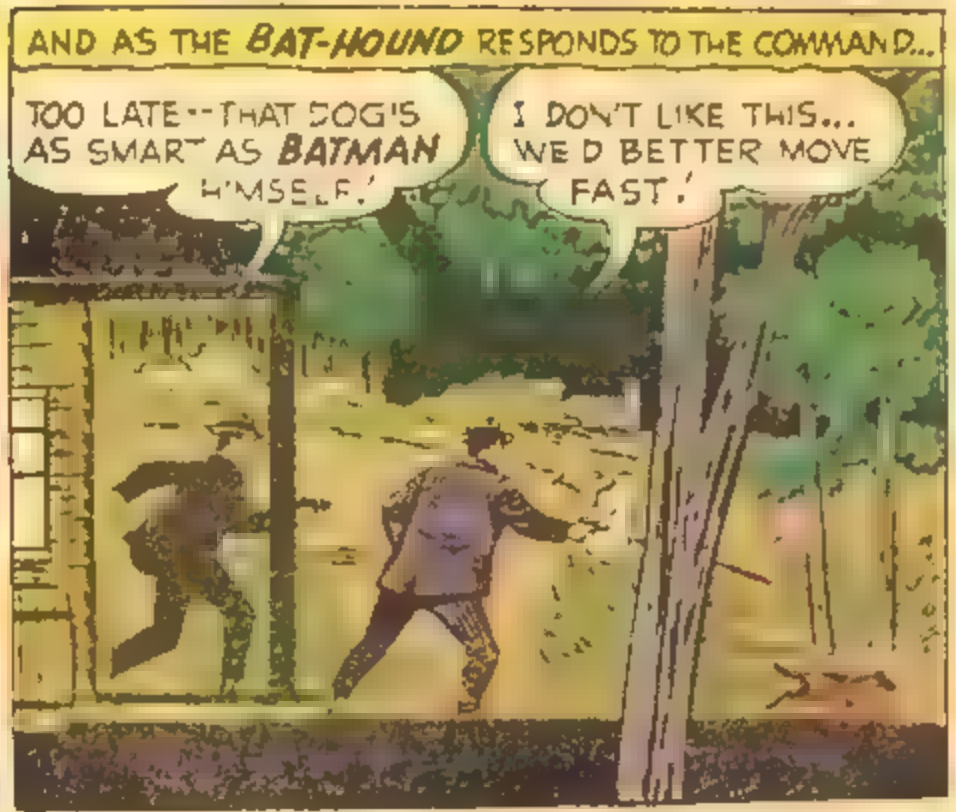
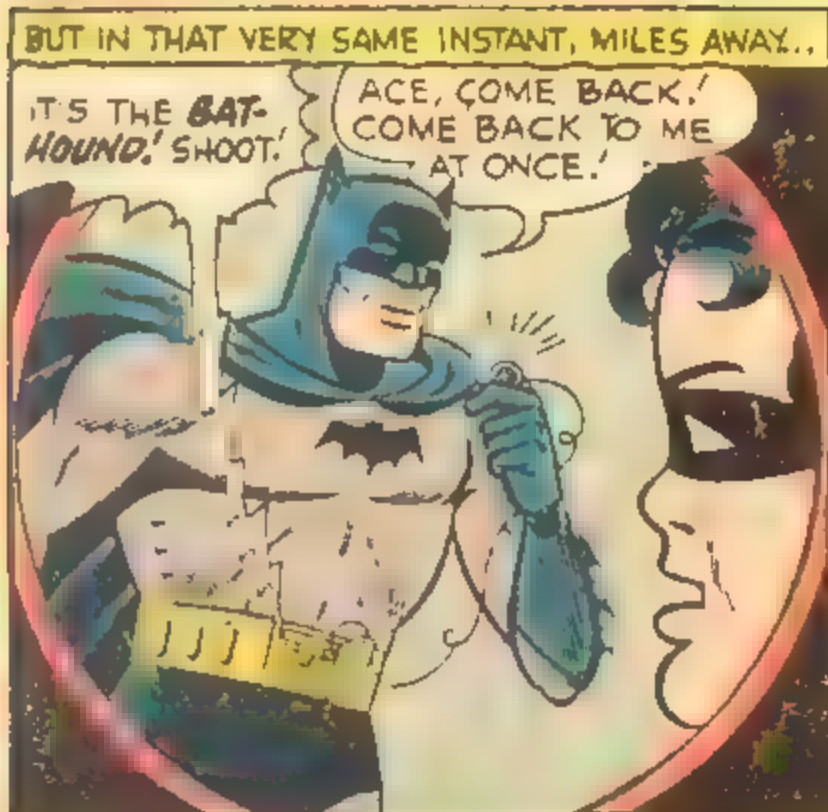
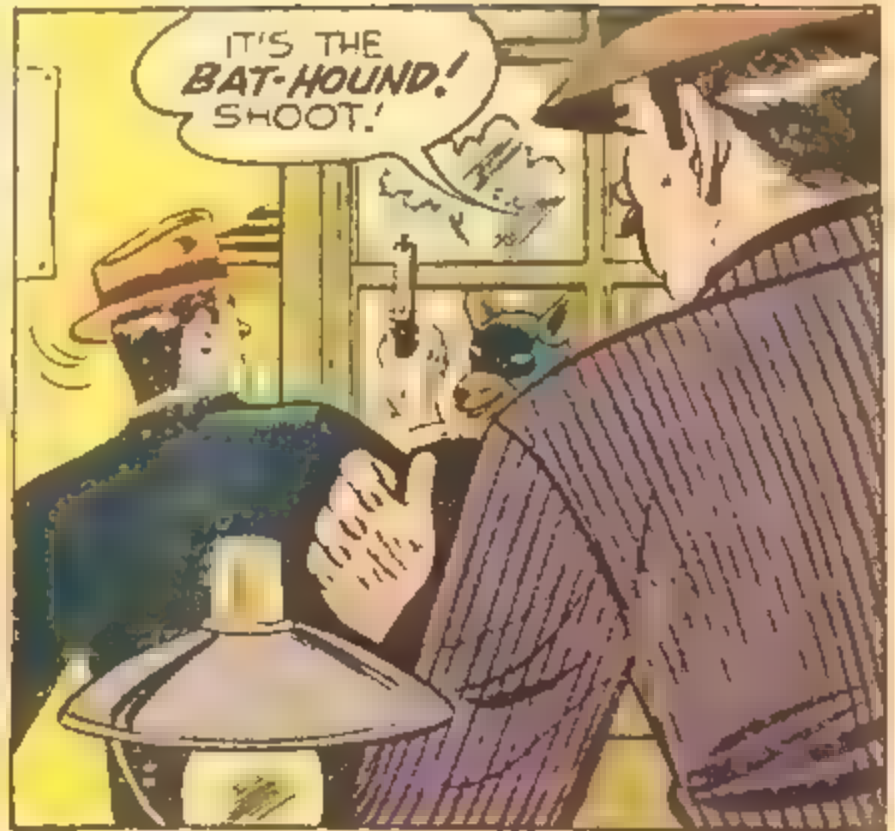
QUIET, WHITEY!

MUST BE SOMEONE OUTSIDE-- BUT I WON'T TELL THEM... IT COULD BE THE LAW!





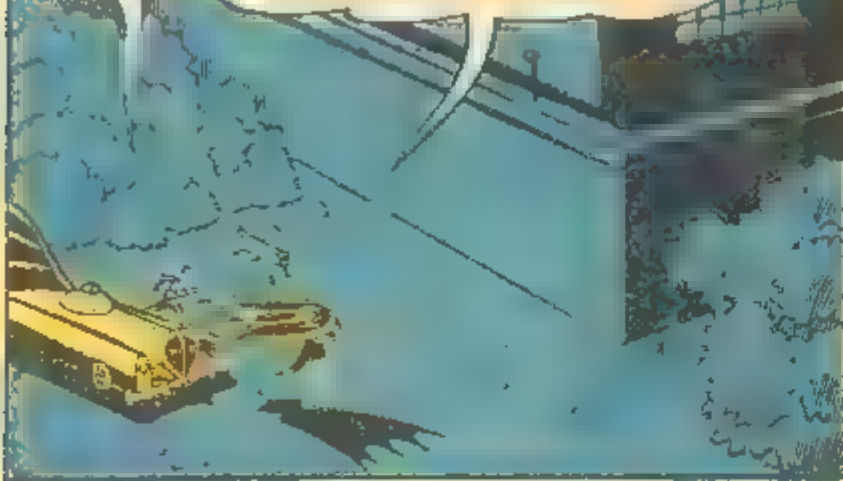
BATMAN



A SWIFT RIDE THROUGH THE NIGHT BRINGS THEM QUICKLY TO THEIR DESTINATION...

IT ALL SEEMS QUIET.

AND ACE ISN'T GROWLING, SO THOSE THIEVES HAVEN'T ARRIVED YET! THAT GIVES US A CHANCE TO ARRANGE A SURPRISE FOR THEM!



THE ACROBATIC SKILL OF THE DYNAMIC DUO GAINS THEM QUICK ENTRANCE...

THAT DRAIN-PIPE WE FOUND UNDER THE WALL IS THE WEAK POINT... A TRAINED DOG **COULD** GET IN THROUGH IT, AND OPEN ONE OF THE GATES! BUT WE'LL BE READY FOR THEM IN HERE!



SOON AFTERWARD...

ALL RIGHT, MILLEN--HAVE YOUR DOG OPEN UP THE PLACE FOR US! SIGNAL US WHEN HE GETS THE GATE OPEN... WE'LL WAIT!

I--I GUESS I'LL HAVE TO...



BUT WHY LET MILKEN GO AHEAD?...WE OUGHT TO BE WITH HIM!

I DON'T LIKE THE WAY THE **BAT-HOUND** APPEARED. IF, SOMEHOW, **BATMAN'S** CAUGHT ONTO OUR SCHEME, T'LL BE MILKEN WHO WALKS INTO THE TRAP! IF THE COAST IS CLEAR, WE'LL GO ON IN!



BUT ROSS MILKEN HAS MADE A COURAGEOUS DECISION...

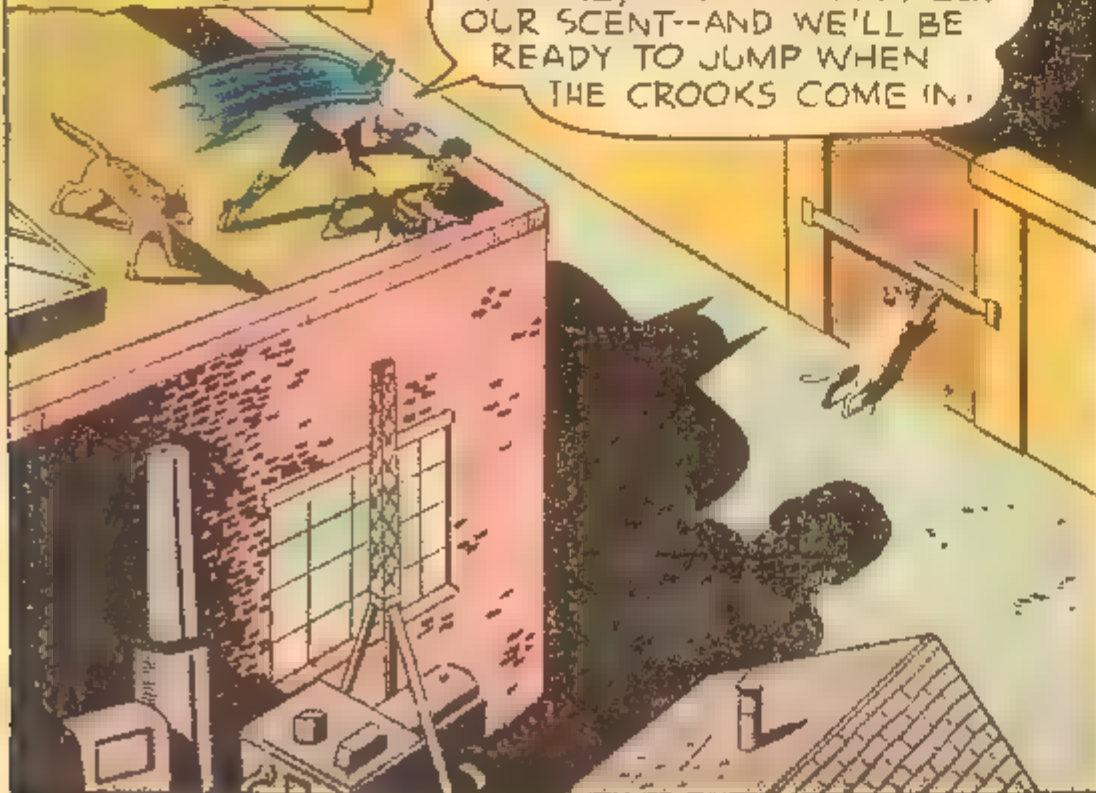
GO INSIDE, WHITEY, AND OPEN THE GATE THE WAY I TRAINED YOU!

AND ONCE INSIDE, I'LL CALL THE POLICE! I CAN'T HELP THOSE CROOKS SUCCEED IN A ROBBERY!



WHILE UP ABOVE...

UP HERE, THAT DOG CAN'T GET OUR SCENT--AND WE'LL BE READY TO JUMP WHEN THE CROOKS COME IN!



ABRUPTLY...

HOLD THAT DOG, ACE, AND BE QUIET... WE WANT TO GET THE OTHER THIEVES!

BUT--I'M NOT ONE OF THEM! THEY FORCED ME TO DO IT--AND I DID GIVE AN ALARM AT THE RECORD FACTORY!



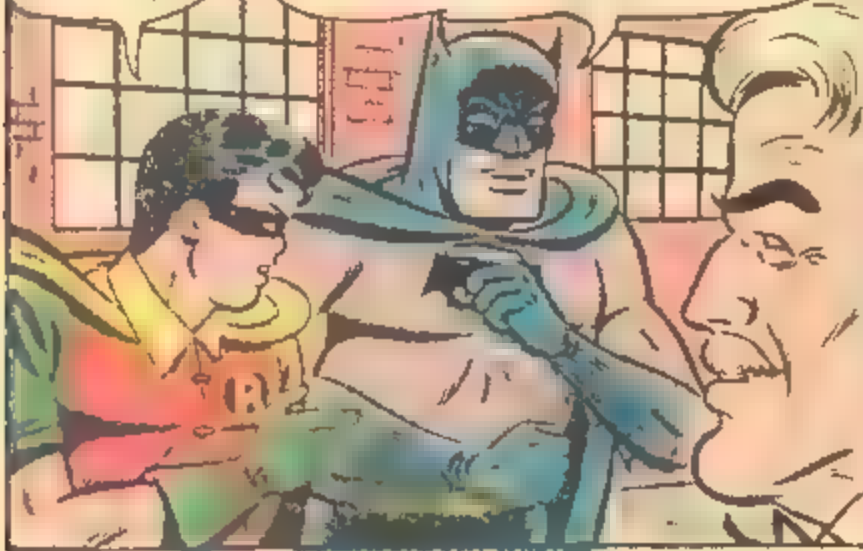


BATMAN



His story seems true, **BATMAN**! IT WAS STRANGE ABOUT THAT ALARM AT THE RECORD-PLANT!

HMM...THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO PROVE IT--AND GRAB THE CROOKS OUT THERE AT THE SAME TIME! QUICK, GET SOME CHALK DUST OUT OF THE FACTORY, WHILE I GET OUT MY UTILITY-BELT MAKE-UP KIT!



AND WHILE **BATMAN** USES HIS MASTERY OF MAKE-UP, **ROBIN** CREATES A DOG DISGUISE...

MILLEN LENT ME HIS SUIT--AND YOU'VE SURE MADE **BAT-HOUND** A DOUBLE OF WHITEY! YOU WATCH MILLEN WHILE I'M OUT THERE!

RIGHT!



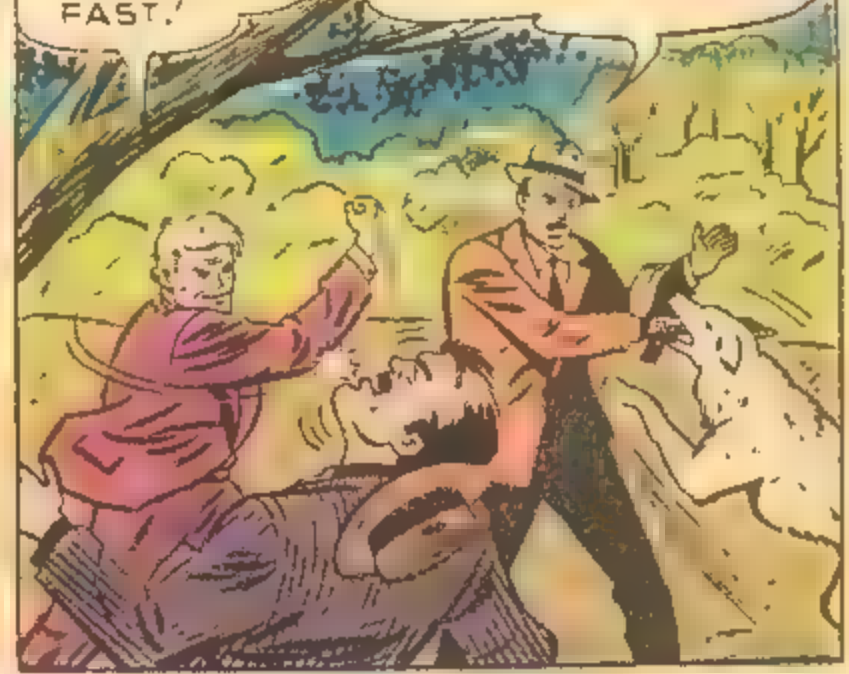
PRESENTLY... WHAT TOOK YOU SO LONG TO OPEN THE PLACE? YOU TRY TO DOUBLE-CROSS US AND WE'LL FIX YOUR DOG JUST LIKE WE THREATENED!

THANKS-- THAT'S ALL I NEED TO PROVE MILLEN'S STORY!



THAT'S IT, **BAT-HOUND**... DISARM HIM FAST!

THE **BAT-HOUND**... DISGUISED! THEN HE MUST BE **BATMAN**!



AND HERE'S **ROBIN**, TOO--BUT I GUESS I'M NOT NEEDED WHEN **BAT-HOUND'S** ON THE JOB!



SO, LATER, WITH THE THIEVES JAILED AND AN INNOCENT MAN CLEARED...

SAY GOODBYE TO **BAT-HOUND**, WHITEY... HE'S THE ONE WHO HELPED **BATMAN** AND **ROBIN** CLEAR US!

AND HERE'S ACE BACK, MR. WILKER... BUT I'LL KEEP HIS MASK FOR HIM--JUST IN CASE **BAT-HOUND** EVER TAKES THE TRAIL AGAIN!



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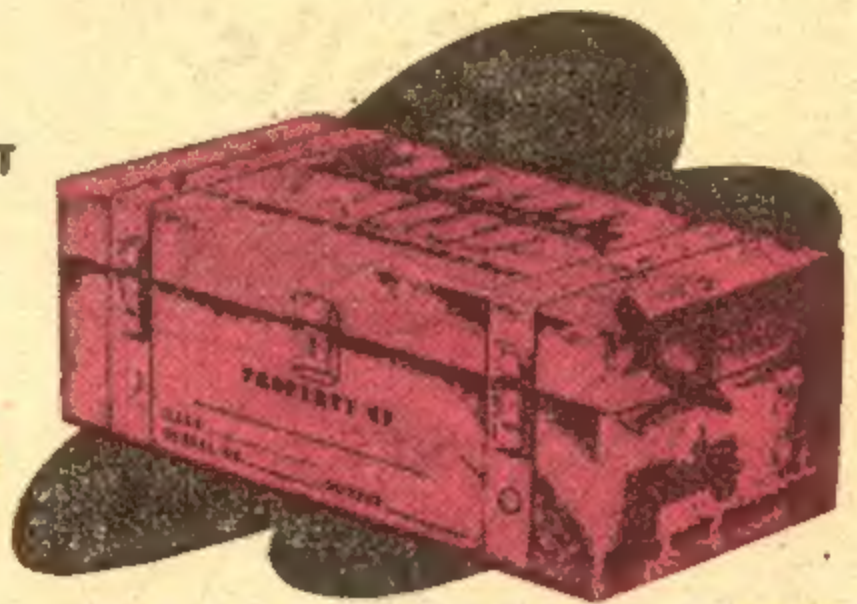
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